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Women who stand by their sportsman

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WEATHER Mainly dry and sunny, but rain in central regions

The way to turn silver into gold

The swimmer, Major's dream and the challenge facing British sport

REBECCA FOWLER

A Union flag flottered over his head, the Princess Royal joined in the applause and his family watched tearfully. For Paul Palmer whose silver swimming medal was Britain's first Olympic award at Atlanta, it was a world away from the cramped 25ft swimming pool in Lincoln where he trains at dawn to

avoid the crowds of children.
Palmer, 21, has struggled like so many British athletes who rise to the top despite inadequate facilities and poor fuoding. But he woo his medal oo the day that the Prime Minister took the first steps towards national sporting excellence by laying out a £300m-a-year visioo to transform Britain's neglected sports facilities for everyone from the most mediocre to the

Paul Palmer is a classic example of success against the odds. He has lived with his parents and worked as a geogral dogsbody in an Italian restaurant to keep his dream affoat.

After his silver medal swim, Palmer said: "We need backing from the Government if we are to win more medals especially gold ones. But they only think about swimming and gymnastics every four years wheo the Olympics come round,"

Palmer's call has apparently been heard. The centrepiece of John Major's plan will be a £100m national sports academy for Britain's top athletes, which will be fuoded by money from the Lottery. Its doors are due open in 1998 in time for the build-up to the next Olympics



Palmer: Swimmer gained success against the odds

in Sydney to create a super élite of British sporting stars, in-cluding disabled athletes.

Mr Major announced the search for a suitable 100-acre site yesterday from the garden close in October and a winner will be chosen in January. The Prime Minister said:

"What I would like to see is the very best in British sport becoming the best of anywhere in the world, not just because we like winning - although I do like to see our sides winning - but because oational sporting heroes give a lift to the sport itself and to the whole country." The academy, which will have around 300 residential

places, will focus oo 20 sports including football, athletics, cricket, gymnastics, judo, rowing, swimming and squash. It will provide a pinnacle for a national network of centres for sporting excellence, including specialised sports colleges.

The Government will also

provide scholarships for athletes worth £35m a year from tottery mooey, and aims to double the oumber in universities. Sin Roger Bannister, the former runner, has provided a consultation paper for the Sports Council oo how the awards may be made.

The academy and specialist colleges will be open to gifted athletes, for long and short-term residential courses - from very young gymnasts to established players and squads who are al-ready established in their fields.

Derek Casey, chief executive of the Sports Council, said: "Looking at the countries do-ing well in world sport, including Australia and Canada, they have a 15-year head-start oo us in funding from their lotteries. And if you look at the percentage of the United States A. it's probably between 60 per

ceot and 70 per ceot. He added: But the amount of money we are talking about for British sport surpasses any-thing else in the world. Although we're getting it later we will be spending more on sport per capita than any other country. The opportunities we are talking about are huge."

The government proposals also include raising standards in local clubs and schools. Mr Major pledged yesterday to stem the sale of school pitches by giving the Sports Council a statutory right to object to any further sales. He also aims for every pupil to have at least two hours a week of physical education.

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Breathing the wind, riding the clouds



In their element: Pew Tor, in the Dartmoor National Park, provides an ideal meditative vantage-point for three Taoist priests, Zhang Ming Gui, Feng Xing Zhao and Huang Shi Zhen, who are in Britain on the first official visit outside China by representatives of their faith since it was founded 2,000 years ago.

Photograph: lan Robinson

Just how good are we?

As far as British sport is con-cerned, that has long been the cri de coeur from diehards regretting the loss of technique and the lowering of standards. But are Britain's sportsmeo

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Colin McRae

Ten Britons who rule the world

Unbeaten with Matthew Pin- . US Masters champion and ar-

Nick Faldo

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of the Atlantic

Stephen Hendry

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Tony Allcock

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and women of today really a pale shadow of their illustrious

Wheo Stanley Maithews hung up his boots in 1965, aged 51. English football went into mourning. We'll never see him like again, was the general

guably best golfer in the

Only female golfer to head the

order of merit on both sides

World featherweight boxing

World snooker champion

World bowls champion

World croquet champion

lament. Yet a year later England bad woo the World Cup for the

first and only time. That 1966 triumph apart, England's two greatest io-ternational showings have come this decade: semi-finalists in Italia '90 and again at Euro 96. Hobbs, Huttoo and Boycoti

are justly revered in cricketing circles, but Gooch has outscored them all at Test tevet and Atherton is well on the

way to overhauling him. No British man has reached a Wimbledon singles semi-final since Roger Taylor in 1973 when many top players boy-cotted the eveot. Tim Henman's quarter-final appearance last month was arguably as creditable given the greater strength of the field.

With Nick Faldo winning his sixth major title at the Masters in April, British golf is stronger than at any time since the gold-eo age of Vardon, Braid and Taylor who between them won 16 Opens between 1894 and

QUICKLY Judge given backing

The legal establishment yes-terday backed Judge Alastair McCallum over his handling of the case of a policeman accused of indecently assaulting two womeo colleagues. Page 5

Royal snub for BBC The Queen's Christmas broad cast, traditionally the preserve of the BBC, is to be shared with ITV. Buckingham Palace an-

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Coup puts Burundi on edge of the abyss

DAVID ORR Bujumbura

Burundi is staring into an abyss following the collapse of the government yesterday and the disappearance of its President, who is now in hiding. Many fear the small central African nation could be enguifed in a cataclysm of genocide and civil war similar to that which ravaged neighbouring Rwanda two years ago.

A military coup last night appeared imminent as darkness fell and the curfew began.

Burundi's crisis deepened at the weekend when 350 mem-bers of the Tutsi minority were massacred in the central region by extremist members of the-Hutu majority. Angry Tutsi crowds stoned the country's Hutu President when he arrived for the funeral of the victims at Bugendena oo Tuesday.

Within hours of his return to the capital, Bujumbura, President Sylvestre Ntibantunganya had sought refuge in the resi-dence of the US ambassador, Maurice Hughes. An embassy spokesperson said the President was "clearly in fear of his life".

The first news of policial Uprooa, the largely Tutsi party which shares power with the mostly Hutu Frodebu party, said it was pulling out of the gov-ernment. Uprona's leader, Charles Mukasi, accused the President of representing extremist Hutu interests and of bringing about civil war. He called for Mr Ntibantunganya's

immediate resignation. The US embassy spokesperson invited media members to the embassy residence. "The President has been here since Tuesday evening," said the

spokesperson. "He is here at the hospitality of the amhassador. It was the Presideot's own request to come here. As far as we're concerned this is a tem-porary situatioo." But the President would not come out to meet the assembled press.

The embassy spokesperson said the US would not approve a coup. Last night, the UN Security Council said it was gravely concerned at recent information on political developments in Burundi"

The Council president, Alain Dejammet, of France, said: "They strongly condemn any attempt to overthrow the present legitimate government by force". The international community has shied away from intervention in Burundi, in spite of repeated warnings that it was sliding into anarchy.

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Top Tory comes out for the Euro

ANDREW MARR

A leading Conservative has come out in favour of the single European currency. He argues that Britain's future is "inseparably mingled" with that of Europe and suggests there should be coins with oational images oo ooe side and European images on the other. But be goes even further, suggesting all-Europe stamps and passports.

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These proposals, contained in a paper that bas been obtained by the Independent, will be regarded as close to treachery by Euro-sceptics, such as David Heathcote-Amory, who resigned from the Government this week. But they will please the pro-European Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke.

The Tory author and politician even used the term "United States of Europe" and approvingly quoted a socialist leader, who had proposed that "Europe must federate or per-ish". Many people in office, be said, beld the same view.

The senior Conservative. whose name this paper knows. appeared also to call for a single European defence system, arguing that the Council of Europe should be extended "toward some common form of defence which will preserve order amoog, and give mutual security to, its members" and eoable Europe to take an effective part role in the UN.

His paper goes on: "Inseparably woveo with this is the approach to a uniform currency. As we have to build from chaos this can only be achieved by stages. Luckily coins have to two sides, so that one side can bear the oational and the other the European superscription."

Last night. Downing Street confirmed that "there certainly has been talk of having this kind of coin, with a national symbol on one side and a European one on the other." Treasury ministers have sug-gested that the Queen's head could be retained, though John Major regards it as a secondorder issue.
But in his document, the for-

mer minister does not stop there: "Postage stamps, passports, trading facilities" and artistic and charitable bodies would "all flow out naturally" along the "main channel" of the single Euro-

pean currency, he says.

Given the current tense state of the European argument, this anguage may be regarded as pighly provocative. But Mr Major will find it difficult to discipline the author.

To find out why, turn to the top of page 2.





EXHILARATION

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Short goes in Shadow reshuffle

Political Correspondent

As Labour whips last night ran the most tightly-controlled shadow Cabinet elections, leading teftwinger Clare Short was expected to be moved out of her transport post in a limited final reshuffle of Tony Blair's pre-

transport spokeswoman since taking over the position eight months ago. She has also offended Mr Blair with a series of

comments on the legalisation of ment spokeswoman who is re-cannabis and the need for the tiring from parliament at the one proxy ballot on behalf of an held in May. Under rule E of better-off to pay higher taxes. In the last shadow Cabinet

poll before the general election, Labour MPs were under intense pressure from whips to cast all their 19 votes for the "teadership slate" of the existing team. That team includes health spokeswoman Harriet Harman, Ms 5hort is considered to under pressure for her decision have made a bumpy start as to send her son to a selective grammar school, and Jack Cunningham, the national heritage spokesman, in place of Joan Lestor, the overseas develop-

next election.

A senior source in the Lahour whips office denied there was an "operation" to defend Ms Harman, urging loyal MPs to distribute their four compulsory votes for women candidates in ber favour. Leftwingers had accused whips of manipulating the 46 proxies, but the source said that 36 of them were supportive of the teadership, and the advice was to "vote for the entire slate".

Following recent reforms,

absent colleague, so preventing whips accumulating blank prox-ies. Supporters of left-wing challenger, Ann Clwyd, are curious about the decision by Blair critic George Galloway (Glasgow Hillhead) to band his proxy vote to deputy chier whip Nick Brown. One Westminster source last night said it did not seem like a free and

Mr Blair's front-bench team is expected to see limited changes in the run-up to the

fair election.

the standing orders of the Parliamentary Labour Party, he is required to appoint all 19 of his elected shadow team, if he gains power.

Yesterday's shadow Cabinet elections, with only seven candidates from outside the existing team, has added to complaints in the Party about Mr Blair's "autocratic" style. Several motions to Labour's annual conference in Blackpool, to be published tomorrow, have criticised the lack of consultation

within on policy changes. But the leadership has been encouraged by Unison's motion backing shadow chancellor Gordon Brown's review of child benefit for 16-18-year-olds.

The Unison motion also accepts the breaking of the link between the basic state pension and average earnings, calling for it to be up-rated "at least in line with the Retail Prices Index, with the encouragement of wider second-tier pension cov-

above the state pension. Blair dream team, p15

erage" so that incomes will be

Derry tinderbox: The Government seeks accord over what could be a 'Drumcree re-match'

Minister acts over loyalist marches

MICHAEL STREETER Belfast COLIN BROWN

The Northern Ireland security minister, Sir John Wheeler. is to visit Londonderry to encourage moves towards a settlement in the increasingly tense build-up to lovalist marches in the city next month.

Sir John, who will visit the area in the next few days, is expected to meet representatives of local Catholies and the Apprentice Boys who have so far failed to agree on a route for

the parade on August 12. Sir Patrick Mayhew, Sceretary of State for Northern Ireland Secretary, has denied reports that he is planning an immediate visit himself, though this has not been ruled out. But the intervention by any minister at this delicate stage poses a dilemma for the Government.

It was widely criticised for not publicly intervening in the Orangemen's march at Drumcree - though many National-ists believed ministers were involved behind the scenes. Ministerial involvement in the Londonderry parade row would undermine the Northern Ireland Office's claims that such match after Drumcree, with a



Tension on the mainland: An armed police officer on duty yesterday at Blackfriars Bridge, London, an entrance to the City

matters are purely operational and for the RUC to handle. Tension in Londonderry rose

further vesterday, with Nationalists warning that there would be a bleak outlook for peace if no agreement was found over the route for the Protestant parade around the old walls of the city centre.

Many see the issue as a re-

chance for the Catholics to "equalise" the score by stopping the Apprentice Boys. Mark Durkan, an 5DLP councillor, said the Apprentice Boys and residents in the Catholic Bogside area should meet in direct talks: "We want to avoid a clash of bodies and the serious consequences which could flow from that," he said.

organised a counter-protest in the Protestant Waterside area of Londonderry today, want the Apprentice Boys not to march on the section of wall directly overlooking the Bog-side; more hardline elements want to stop the loyalists marching across the bridge into the

over Northern Ireland met in Londonderry to agree on the loyalists' next move. They ruled out calling off the walk around the city walls.

At Stormont, Unionist and Nationalist parties were study-ing a document by Senator George Mitchell, chairman of onsequences which could flow city centre at all. the peace talks, which outlines rom that," he said.

Last night 44 representatives a possible way ahead for full-scale and the Apprentice Boys from all scale talks to begin on Monday.

Sir Patrick last night announced an investigation man the RUC's use of plastic bullets during the recent riots. He also announced that the terms of reference for the review of parades and marches will cover the "possible need for new machinery" to determine how they should take place and the need for a code of practice. The review team will include a judicial figure.

Taxi takes the strain

lanette Duck was so furious when a train broke down that she hailed a London cab to take ber almost 500 miles bome - to Scotland. Rail officials agreed to pick up the £847 bill after Ms Duck, 35, missed a coach because of the delay.

Her ordeal started after she teft her parents' home in Gosport, Hampshire, where she had attended her father's 60th birthday. The Londonbound train broke down and passengers waited three hours before it limped into Woking, Surrey. Ms Duck bad missed her coach connection and was left at London's Waterloo station.

Ms Duck, a marine biologist, was offered hotel accommodation but she had told her boss she would be at work next day and said she could not be late. So rail chiefs arranged the cab. A Network South West spokeswoman said: "There

were exceptional circumstances deaths were higher among ... We were only too happy st parents who used illegal drugs. got where she wanted to go. ... We were only too happy she

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

ory rebel unmasked - The Conservative pro-single currency rebel was Sir Winston Churchill, who called for a United States of Europe before the Second World War. His federalist thinking is well-known, but his support for a common currency is not.

The comments on our front page come from an article i he comments on our trom page come from an article he wrote for Collier's magazine, almost exactly half a century ago, in the autumn of 1946. "The Highroad of the Future", which would be regarded as wildly anti-British by many of today's Tory MPs, was passed on to us by John Ramsden of Queen Mary and Westfield College,

Vital measures needed to bring prisons up to a minimum level of security have still to be implemented, despite recommendations made nine months ago, it was revealed yesterday. The decision by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is understood to be because his department cannot afford the £3hn needed to bring in the improvements.

The recommendations were made in the Learmont report, which followed a breakout at the Parkhurst high-security jail on the Isle of Wight in January 1995, Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, attacked the move and the timing of the announcement - it was released at 5pm on the last day before Parliament breaks for the summer. Jason Bennetto

A Japanese student faces a lifetime of silent fear fafter six youths subjected her to a two-day ordeat of rape and sexual ahuse, it was disclosed yesterday. She

rape and sexual ahuse, it was disclosed yesterday. She spent 31 hours giving evidence and being cross-examined over 12 days in the wimess box. Her account moved some people in court – including lawyers – to tears.

The six, aged between 15 and 21, are facing jail after being convicted at the Old Bailey. Their victim is now so ashamed of what they did to her that she cannot tell her parents, as she is afraid of the devastating affect it could have on their conservative rural life, the court heard have on their conservative rural life, the court heard. Suicides are not uncommon in Japanese families where women have been sexually violated.

Former Observer editor Andrew Jaspan has (pictured) joined the homeless people's magazine *The Big Issue*.

Jaspan, 44, becomes the managing director and publisher of the magazine, whose bomeless vendors sell 300,000 copies a week "His rote will be to belp galvanise the company as well as strengthen and develop a number of new editorial and business initiatives," a statement said. Jaspan added that he was "delighted" by his appointment.

He was replaced by Will Hutton as editor of the Observer in March. after a year in the job.



Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, was savaged by Tory MPs yesterday over the latest scare about BSE infecting the British lamb chop, which sent the price of lamb tumbling by 20 per cent in markets around the country. The MPs were furlous with Mr Hogg when he made a statement in the Commons, hoarse through a throat infection, announcing fresh steps to check against possible BSE in sheep, although there was "no direct threat to buman health".

threat to buman health".

Mr Hogg, who survived the reshuffle in spite of heavy criticisism for his bandling of "mad cow" disease. was accused by his own backbenchers of bowing to ressure from the EU and raising unfounded fears about the safety of the British lamb chop. Sir Patrick Connack, the Tory MP for South Staffordshire, said: "We in danger of a national epidemic of paranoia." Paul Marland, another Euro-sceptic Tory, said: "Where is this going to end?" John Home Robertson, a Labour farming MP, said: "This is another fine mess." Colin Brown

The BBC was forced to accept the appointment of a special working party, set up to review its controversial plans to reorganise the World Service, following a frank meeting between the chairman of the BBC governors. Sir Christopher Bland, and the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm

The announcement was seen as a partial victory for campaigners fighting to "save the World Service." They have criticised a radical restructuring plan, announced by the BBC Director General, John Birt, that would separate hroadcasting activities from those of production, and bring the news-gathering operations of the English-language World Service under the direct control of the domestic BBC. Mathew Horsman

Oxford divided on £20m gift

FRAN ABRAMS **Education Correspondent**

Oxford University dons are split over the university's biggest ever donation; some say they will vote against accepting £20m for a new business school from the controversial Saudi businessman. Wafic Said. The zoologist, Professor

Richard Dawkins, is among those who object. He says the university, which is raising £18m for the project from other sources, ought to consider wbether the money would be better spent on other things. Protesters say the Bodleian Library might be a more

deserving cause. Some argue that Oxford ought to stick to traditional subjects, rather than management studies.

In a letter to the Independent, Prof Dawkins says the university might end up having to foot a substantial part of the bill. "The recipients of magnanimous gifts ought to ask them-

selves whether they really want

he said last night.

dieval-history tutor from University College, will also vote against the plan when

Oxford's congregation of dons considers it in November.

The Bodleian was forced to close early because of staff shortages and teaching posts in subjects such as classics bad he said.

The Said Business School, which intends to compete with the best in the world, is scheduled to open in 1998 and will take 500 students, including

the university had already raised £8m and the new centre would not lead to donations being diverted from other sources.

whatever the gift is for, rather than simply thinking they have been given a present of £20m." Alexander Murray, a me-

heen frozen because of a lack of funds, be said, "Everybody works on a shoestring here,"

150 on MBA courses. Oxford's director of external relations, Dr Paul Flather, said

Letters, page 13 the last two years the death rate

Not smoking would cut cot deaths by two-thirds

Cot deaths could be cut by almost two thirds if parents stopped smoking, according to a report by Government scientists, which confirms that exposure to tohacco smoke after birth increases a baby's

chance of dying suddenly.

The findings provide the strongest evidence to date of a link between smoking and cot deaths. They have prompted calls for smoking in the presence of a pregnant woman or a young child to be made socialunacceptable.

The number of deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) has fallen by more than 50 per cent following the "Back to sleep" campaign launched in 1991, which advised parents to encourage their bahies to sleep on their backs and not on

their fronts. However, 10 babies still die from cot deaths a week, and for

deprivation are also factors. although the Government has not highlighted this aspect in its tatest report, which concentrates on cigarettes.

Peter Fleming, professor of infant health and developmental physiology, working with colleagues at Brisin! University, found the risk of cot death rises with the number of cigarettes smoked by pregnant women, mothers, fathers, and anyone clse who lights up around a young baby. They say more than 60 per cent of cot deaths may be attributable to exposure to tohacco smoke before and after birth.

The findings have prompted the Department of Health and the Foundation for Study of Infant Deaths to taunch a new advice leaflet for parents. It incorporates the findings of the National Advisory Body's Confidential Enquiry into Still-births and Deaths in Infancy, which was lead by Prof Fleming.

has remained stable. Poor a more detailed summary of living conditions and social which will appear in the British Medical Journal later this week.

Writing in the journal, Prof Fleming says: "The responsi-bility of minimising the risk of sudden infant death syndrome lies not just with the mother who smokes but all smokers. An appropriate public health message might be that smoking in the same environment as a pregnant mother or child is as unacceptable as drinking and driving ... Parents who have heen unable to give up or re-duce their smoking habit should he strongly advised to keep

their baby in a smoke-free zone.
This, however, should not be regarded as an alternative to the much better precaution of not smoking at alt."

The researchers looked at the circumstances of 195 bahies who died and 780 survivors, in Yorkshire, the south-west and Trent during 1993 and 1995. The scientists also found that cot

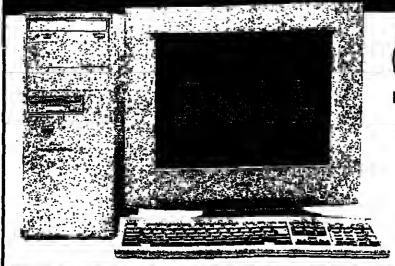
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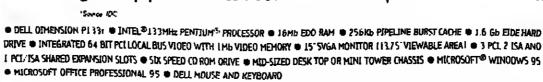
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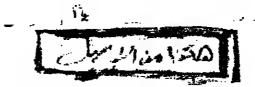
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The story of the Mitfords is the story of Britain in the 20th century

Jessica Mitford's death has robbed us of a slice of history. Paul Vallely reports

With Jessica Mitford, a little of English history has died. She and her five sisters and brother - all but two of them now dead - have been memorials to a passing age.

Their lives have charted, albeit sometimes in caricature, the vicissitudes of a nation and the forces which have buffeted it. The story of the Mitfords is the story of Britain in the 20th

Unity Mitford fell in love with Hitler, and shot herself. Diana married the British fascist leader, Sir Oswald Mosley. Their brother Tom was killed fighting in Burma in the Second World War. Nancy, the socialist novelist, died, rejected, in Paris in 1973. Deborah joined the grandest stratum of English aristocracy, marrying the Duke of Devonshire. Pamela, wooed by the poet John Betjeman, married the son of a oewspaper magnate. And Jessica became a communist and then went to live in that bastion of anticommunism, the United States.

The Mitfords were not so much a photograph of their times, as a cartoon," says Ned Sherrin, the writer and impresario behind The Mitford Girls. a musical based on the family. They represent a heightened picture of every section of English society, all extreme in one way or other."

They were wonderful anachrooisms, resolutely Thirties English upper-class gels in a world of change which they accommodated without ever fully accepting.

The sisters grew up in a classic upper-class country house -Swinbrook, in Oxfordshire, the family home of Lord and Lady Redesdale. What made them remarkable was that - never be- fallen in love with. He was Sir ing sent to school to mix with



Bloody but unbowed: Jessica Mitford - in Swinbrook church - grew up in a world of fierce sibling rivalry Photograph: Camera Press Hitler with Diana Mitford, who married Sir Oswald Mosley (right)



English gels: (From left) Unity, Diana and Nancy Photograph: Hulton Gett



stimulated by the sharp, jealous intelligence of Nancy, the eldest, they grew up in a world of ferocious intimacy, private nicknames, intense competition, exhibitionist feryour and unbounded self-confidence.

If Nancy was the cleverest, it was Diana, the most beautiful, who seemed destined to make most waves in Thirties society. Among her associates were Lytton Strachey, the Sitwells and Evelyn Waugh - his oovel Vile Bodies is dedicated to her.

Scandalously, for those times, Diana divorced her husband Bryan Guinness (later Lord Moyne) to make herself available to the married man she had Oswald Mosley, then described other children of their class, but as the cleverest man in the side Paris. Diana lives there yet ings which the moonstruck

House of Communs, He later quit the Tories, then Labour, and formed the British Union Fascists; his Blackshirts

stalked the streets of England. Diana married him in Berlin in 1936. The wedding reception

Temple de la Gloire, just out-

- elderly, beautiful (she still has Unity recounted with girlish piercing, cornflower-blue eyes), polite, unapologetic and proud. Only she and "Debo", oow mistress of Chatsworth, and

the peacemaker among the family, survive. There was much

They represent a heightened picture of every

ty, who became so besotted with

It was the first of 140 meet-

sisters to the wartime authorigush, calling Hitler "sweet" and "an angel" and thinking it thrilliog wheo he ranted and raved against his underlings.

The day Britain declared war

she went into a park and shot was given by Magda Goebbels, peacemaking to do. Diana's herself, though it took her eight

section of English society, all of them extreme' wife of the German minister of link with Hitler had been af-propaganda. Adolf Hitler was fected by her younger sister Uniyears to die from the injuries. "Say Not That The Struggle

> tioo on her gravestone declares. Tom, who, Jessica claimed, had introduced three of his sisters to the sexual act, perished in the war which Hitler started.

Nancy, who denounced her

Naught Availeth," the inscrip-

ties, went on to write a number of oovels, period pieces whose surreally snobbish characters depict England in the last years of

She also made an enduring contributioo to British literary sociology, in 1955, with her essay io Encounter magazine on "U and Noo-U", parodying codes of upper-class and nooupper-class speech.

The other sisters thrived in their choseo worlds. Pamela, who died in 1994, divorced from scientist Derek Jackson, the son of one of the founders of the News of the World, lived quietly in the country, breeding the Appenzeller Spitzhaubeo hens she had introduced into Britain from Switzerland.

Against such a background it calls. "She would often arrive seems unremarkable that Jessica - who had been saving her "running away mooey" since childhood - should have eloped were her idea of revolution."
Thus the Mitford saga, like at 18 with her cousin, to the Spanish Civil War. It was the start of an involvement with the Left which separated her from

Diana for more than 40 years. "It was oot just a game," says a frieod, Polly Toynbee. "She was a hard-bitten communist. She believed it deep down, even after the invasion of Hungary. It was almost an act of faith."

her sisters - she hardly spoke to

But faith went out of fashion. As she got older Jessica exer-cised her disdain for authority in elaborate ruses to avoid paying for train tickets or telephone

waving airline cutlery she had stolen while travelling first class on some magazine commission," recalls Toynbee. "Freebies

the epoch it echoes, ends in selfparody. It is part of its joy that the Mitfords shared the joke When their mother, Lady Redesdale, was dying, she sum-mooed Jessica to her bedside and said: "I've left all my money to your sisters ... You have oever had mooey anyway and never cared about it, and you know how the rich do love money.

For years afterwards, Jessica quoted the words with evident approbation.

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Khan plays straight bat in defence

CLARE GARNER

They were the words that the public gallery was waiting for. "I swear by Allah..." Imran Ahmed Khan Niazi was finally in the witness box and ready to rattle off his defence at such a speed that his counsel, George Carman QC, asked him to slow down. "Do it slowly," he begged. "You're doing it at a fast-bowler pace at the minute."

Oo the eighth day of the cricket libel trial at the High Court, the former Pakistani cricket captain fold them how he had never accused either Ian Botham or Allan Lamh of being racist, cheats, uneducated or from an underclass.

He had never used the word "cheat" against anyone but himself; he did not helieve in a class system and he had made it quite clear that in his opinion hall tampering did not amount

ter of Sir James Goldsmith, looked proudly at her husband as he told the jury: "I have nev-er, at any stage in my life, be-lieved in a class system. I don't to. That was impressed oo us, not only by my father, but by my background - Pathans have always been egalitarian. I'm a tribal person. . . I have written a book called The Warrior Race about the dignity a man has in a classless society, and the indignity io a class-led society. Haviog retired from the

game to concentrate on his cancer hospital in Lahore, Mr Khan wanted to explain that he had been misquoted. "I didn't want to get into a cricket thing with former colleagues. My life had moved on," he said.

The world class all-rounder said he had been upset by Paki Cheat' headlines in the tabloid press, "The word Paki became almost abusive ... any Pakistani feels a bit touchy, especially reading the headlines io the tabloids. I'm not the only one. It caused a lot of hurt in the Pakistani community in Britain."



Mr Khan said he had admitted that he had once, in 1981, used a bottle top to tamper with the ball in order to clarify the demarcation between 'cheating and common practice'.

"I've never called anyone a cheat to this day ... the umpire is solely authorised to decide what is fair and unfair play. I'm look at what class people belong no ooe. How can 1 call someone a cheat? If I ever use the word, it's when I described my

own bottle-top incident."

Mr Botham and Mr Lamb are suing Mr Khan for libel over an "offensive personal attack" on them in the magazine India Today which called them racist, undereducated and lacking class and upbringing. Mr Both-am is also suing Mr Khan for a story published in the Star newspaper in May 1994 which he claims, accused him of cheating.

Earlier, the England cricket captain Michael Atherton and England coach David Lloyd cation and Employment to gave evidence oo the eve of the withdraw "this offensive magtest match against Pakistan.

Mr Atherton reiterated the views expressed in his autobiography A Test of Cricket. Know thinking the laws should be tunities possible". changed to allow current actions which the players tacitly accept ! that the chief executive of the as part and parcel of the game." . Employment Service. Mike

Jobcentres offer work as prostitutes

But wheo war came the Nazism that she went to Ger-

Mosleys were interned; they lat- many and sat in the restaurant

er weót into exile in France in where he regularly lunched, their ironically named home La until she was invited to join him.

Unemployed people are being offered jobs as prostitutes through a magazine distributed free to Government job-centres, Labour claimed

Oppositioo employment pokesman Ian McCartney told the Commons that advertisements in the current edition of Jobsearch, an 84-page magazine dedicated to job advertisemeots, invited vulnerable, unemployed men and women to take up prostitution as a business opportunity.

He also said that ministers had refused to withdraw the publication on the grounds that the unemployed should "have the widest access to the widest

range of jobs possible".

At one point, Mr McCartney flung a photocopied page of Jobsearch across the Commons table at the Education and Employment Minister, Eric Forth. It contained two sex industry advertisements, one headed: 'Men wanted. Earn £500 per week. Girls pay you!" It told readers that money could be earned for "intimate services" and that looks were "not im-

portant". The second advertisement promised that "big mnney" could be made in the sex industry, from the comfort of

your own home. Replying to Mr McCartney's protestations, Mr Forth insisted: "I doo't know where it's come from, I don't know its provenance, I doo't know the circumstance in which it arose."

Mr McCartney told the House that Labour's David Hanson, MP for Delyn, had asked the Department of Eduazine" but it had refused "on the grounds that the department believed that the unemployed should have the widest access to the Game. "I'm not alone in the widest range of job oppor-

It emerged later last night

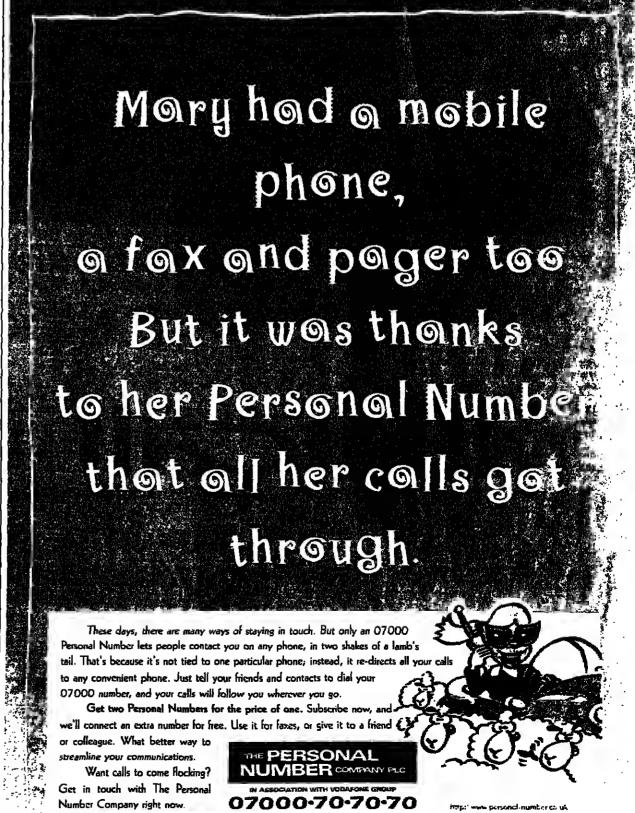


Fogden, said in a letter to Mr Hanson, that anyone offended by the advertisements should complain to the Advertising Standards Authority. "While I would not expect my business managers and programme providers to provide access to publications of little value to job seekers which are offensive, it is not for the Employment Service to censor publications or decy job seekers access to the widest range of job opportunities." he wrote.

The publication carries six ges of advertisements similar to those meotioned by Mr Mc-Cartney, and is distributed free of charge to jobcentres across the country. It is also available for 95p at newsagents.

Last night, Colin Houghton, managing director of Trinity Newspapers, the company that publishes the magazine, defended the advertisements as "harmless adverts for escorts".

He said: "In the husiness section of the magazine there are adverts for male and female escorts and oowhere is the word prostitute or prostitution meotioned. Jobsearch is a genuine magazine advertising jobs mainly in the IT [information technology) industry. As far as I'm concerned there is no link between being an escort and be-







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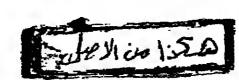
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Backing for judge in 'lenient' verdict

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

The legal establishment yesterday dug in behind Judge Alastair McCallum in the controversy over his handling of the case of the policeman accused of indecently assaulting two women colleagues.

In a statement issued on bis behalf by the Lord Chancellor's department, Judge McCallum hit back after be was condemned by women's groups and by Lynne Tolan, the former detective chief inspector who investigated the complaints, for saying that the officer, Constable Robert Bridle, should bave had a "sound ticking-off" instead of being taken to court. It-was the first time since 1994

that the department had is-



McCallum: Facing criticism

sued a statement on behalf of

a beleaguered judge. PC Bridle, a 41-year-old married man, was accused of grabbing the breasts of two female colleagues and on another occasion sitting astride one of the women. Judge McCallum directed the jury at Bradford Crown Court to find him not guilty on all three charges and on a further charge to be dealt

with at a separate hearing. The first WPC, who testified on Monday, had not wanted the case to come to court but said she felt a complaint was neces-

In the wake of calls for his resignation Judge McCallum, 49, took the rare step of asking him a sound ticking-off to make the Lord Chancellor's departthe Lord Chancellor's department yesterday to issue a personal response on his behalf. By ceptable." convention the department remains officially neutral, but it is unlikely to have agreed to make vice organisation, said: "The the statement if it believed the judge still went beyond what was judge was in the wrong.

He declared in the statement: "I am surprised at the way in which the case bas been reported. I am also astonished and not to be taken seriously.

press ahead with legal action, a despite a report by a senior

criminal barrister yesterday that

be was not the subject of a bribery attempt by the repre-sentative of the rival bidder for

Mr Branson expressed "amazement" that the regula-

tor should have sanctioned pub-

lication of the Rafferty report

so close to a court case, "but

nothing about Oflot surprises me any more," he added. He

also pointed out that be could

have sought an injunction pre-

venting publication, but chose

sides of the story," he said. Mr Branson issued a state-

inquiry, set up by Peter Davis,

director general of the lottery

watchdog, Oflot, which cleared Guy Snowden of Glech, the US

operator and part of the winning

Camelot consortium, of offer-

ing Mr Branson an inducement

Rafferty QC, were entirely

based on a written submission

of the case. It has been a tooth-

less inquiry," said the Virgin

The report could be seen as

a blow to Mr Branson, who is

suing Mr Snowden and GTech

founder.

She has not heard our side

to pull out of the battle.

"I look forward to the verdict

not to do so.

the National Lottery.

Branson defiant

at no-bribe

ruling on Oflot

Richard Branson vowed to was made on BBC's Panorama

Lord Chancellor steps in as outcry rages over acquittal in police case

that a retired policewoman, who was on the witness list and ... not in court to hear any evidence, should give a press conference outside the court

minutes after the case ended." Highlighting that the prosecution had decided to offer no further evidence, the judge took the equally rare step of repeating from his notes the relevant part of his direction to the jury. in which he said: "In this case there is now evidence that a fair degree of horseplay took place during canteen breaks between officers of both sexes, and clear evidence that some of the language used and nicknames given would possibly offend if it were not used in the context of the very close camaraderie that we beard of on Shift Rota 3.

They were obviously a good. cohesive unit who even used to socialise out of hours, and a good deal of banter became an acceptable form of relieving boredom or tension...

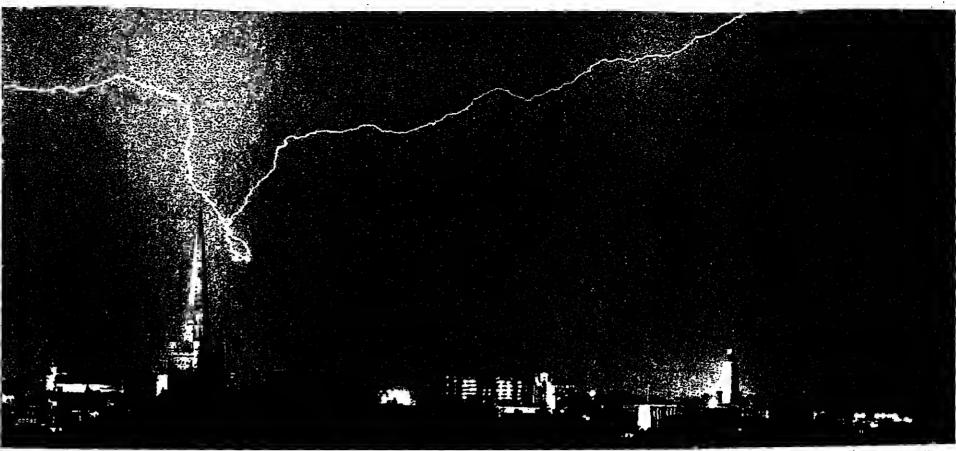
"Clearly it should never reach a stage where a police officer becomes uncomfortable, harassed or indecently touched.

"Before the prosecution can prove an indecent assault, they must prove that the accused did not honestly believe that no objection would be taken to his actions. It is not sufficient that they establish that the policewomen did object, which they clearly did.

"Prosecuting counsel, now with the benefit of the evidence solicited in cross-examination, feels that he could not properly ask for that conviction."

The judge told the prosecution on Tuesday that "if a per son behaves in that way, and if a complainant doesn't want the matter to come to court, then the appropriate way to deal with him is his superior officer to give which most people find unac-

Jean Smith, of Rights of Women, the legal policy and ad-vice organisation, said: The required. Those kinds of comments contribute to the belief that sexual harrassment is always the result of 'borseplay'



Lightning strike: Norwich Cathedral is lit up by a storm on Tuesday evening. In Co Durham a farm worker was killed when lightning struck a gold chain around his neck.
Paul Maroney, 20, was haling hay near West Auckland when the bolt hit him, leaving a scorch mark next to the chain he was wearing.

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On the programme, Mr Branson said that during a

programme in December last

lunch in 1993 at his Holland Park home-cum-office, Mr Snowden allegedly said: "Well, I don't know how to phrase this, Richard. There is always a bottom line. I'll get to the point. In what way can I belp you, Richard? I'm sure everybody needs something."

Mr Branson says that was an offer of a backhander. Mr Snowden says it was not, and is suing Mr Branson for suggesting that be was trying to bribe

In her report, Ms Rafferty of a British jury who will have had the chance of hearing both suggests it unlikely that a businessman of Mr Snowden's experience would expose himself ment saying that be had not co-operated with the Rafferty to such an accusation. The barrister also questions why it took two years for Mr Branson to go public with the claim.

GTech said yesterday: "Glech are pleased that the Rafferty report has been published and we welcome its conclusions. We are unable to comment further due to the impending legal case."

He said the findings of Anne Mr Davis will be taking no further action as a result of the from Mr Snowden's solicitors.

A statement from his office said that Mr Davis, "will contime to exercise his duties in determining whether the members of the Camelot consortium are 'fit and proper' for their roles in running the National for libel. The bribery allegation Lottery".

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and finally put out of business.

Defence cuts lead to loss of skills, say MPs

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

MPs yesterday refused to back the Government's Defence 1996 White Paper unless ministers state categorically that there will be no further defence cuts.

The committee warned that the forces were overstretched and would be "hard pressed" lo undertake any further commit-ments, let alone a Falklands War-type emergency. They also accused the Government of complacency over continuing undermanning in the Army.

The Commons will vote on Paper as soon as Parliament returns from recess in the autumn. Three large defence equipment orders, worth £4hn. which had been expected before the recess today, have been delayed as the Ministry of Defence argues the case for them with the Treasury.

by the all-party Commons Defence Committee said they would not recommend the shippard by 2000. statement to the House "unless ministers make clear in the debate that this year's statement will not again be undermined by nurther defence cuts in the 1996

hudget or by any other means". The Army, 120,000 strong. now has 18,500 troops serving in Ireland and 11,000 in Bosnia. Most of them are on six-month

lours, so nearly half the Army will see active service in one of those theatres in the course of a year. Committee members warned yesterday that repeated breaches of the rule that units should have a two-year interval hetween active tours was damaging training. Too much time on peace-keeping duties in Bosnia was leading to a "skills fade" when it cante to training for full-scale war. The MPs concluded: "Either Bosnia is too big a commitment for the Army, or the Army is not big enough for the tasks it is being given".

The committee said there was the annual defence White government "complacency over the shortfall in army recruiting and the loss of trained soldiers from the Army.

They expressed approval that paying off the Royal Yacht Britannia, which is manned by the Navy and has a nominal role as a hospital ship, "will relieve the defence budget of a significant The report on the 1996 state-burden. However, they recomment on the defence estimates mended that the Navy should continue to man a replacement vessel, to be built in a British

Dr David Clark, Labour's de fence spokesman, said: "The Government's defence policy lies in tatters. The Treasury is now running Britain's defence policy. Michael Portillo has failed to stand up for Britain's defence interests and the result is continued decline and over-



High flyers: Holidaymakers trying out the latest craze at Blackpool's South Pier – skycoasting, In which particpants are swung from a 140ft 'A' frame Photograph: Howard Barlow

Members to lose investment as 'lottery' banned

Court outlaws 'evil' pyramid selling scheme

KATE WATSON-SMYTH

A "pyramid-style" selling scheme, which involves no product, was yesterday ruled illegal by the Court of Appeal. ness Club, which has thousands of members, including showhusiness celebrities, said they would take their fight to the House of Lords and ultimately to the European Court. Lord Woolf, Master of the

Rolls, said all such operations hroke the law when "they involve those who set up, pro-mote, purvey and administer the scheme in criminal offences". Describing the scheme as "pernicious" and "evil", he

added: "I hope this will deter those who may be tempted to create clones of Titan."

elub members, having paid £3,000 to become "junior part-But lawyers for the Titan Businers" in the scheme, would make £450 from each of the first two members they introduced, £1,220 from each subsequent introduction and further amounts of £770, depending on the success of members of their particular "family tree" introducing new members.

In theory, considerable sums could be generated as the membership grew, but there was "only a chance" of this, and the scheme was essentially a lottery, said the judge.

join, are now unable to recruit The court heard how new others, recoup their investment and begin to make a profit. One memher at court said: *Ohviously disappointed." He and others

are pinning hopes on a scheme launched to replace Titan. which they hope will not be affected by yesterday's ruling. The scheme is being restructured by Patrick Minford. one of the Treasury's "six wise men", who said after a hearing in June that he thought the

"snowball plan" run by Titan could he run on a sustainable Charles Buckley, a lawyer for SHV Senator of Hamburg. which runs Titan, said: "My reaction to this ruling is one of anger and disappointment at the unwarranted interference by the judiciary and the Government into the way in which citizens spend their money in

what is a form of mutual soci-"This ruling is contrary to Article 59 of the European Convention, which supports the freedom of movement of services and capital and is also contrary to the ruling of the highest court in Germany, the Bavarian Supreme Court, which has held that this scheme is not a

The ruling was a victory for lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, who said the scheme was an unlawful lottery which was bound to fail. A Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) official said it was

"chuffed to hits" by the decision. Titan had appealed against the ruling in June by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Richard Scott, who ordered that no more "revivalist-style" recruitment meetings should be held to promote the club, which has 10,000 memhers, pending a DTI application for it to be wound up

DAILY POEM

The Sound of Things

By Jamie McKendrick

We wouldn't have come so close if we'd known what it was - a barrel-shaped hide washed up on the Mersey shore and left to rot in peace if peace is to be had from the tide's corrosive agents, ageless rhythm. Then we saw the tarnished bones.

justing out from all the foul jetsam ...

just a dead dog lobbed from the posh promenade. the pampered butt of peremptory commands in one of those wide-windowed residences

Or did the dog guard the adjacent docks, his ear adjusted to foghorn and crane, his bark answering the watchman's known tread; employed among the absent and the sacked, sensing that hush, the slow decline of trade.

Jamie McKendrick was born in Liverpool in 1955. Along with Elaine Feinstein, Adrian Henri, Grevel Lindop, Deryn Rees-Jones, Peter Rohinson and Matt Simpson, he appears in Liverpool Accents: Seven Poets and a City, edited by P Rohinson and published by Liverpool University Press. "Having left Liverpool aged 17 hardly six months pass when I haven't dreamt about the Mersey." he writes, "not always in such an apocalyptic light, but always strangely urgent and leaving an indelible tidemark on me. At one level, I suppose dreams are a substitute for being there."

Strike vote on violent boy, 10 agreed to his reinstatement. The union says his first exclu-

Education Editor

Teachers at a Nottinghamshire primary school are being balloted on strike action next term, over a violent and disruptive 10-year-old boy.

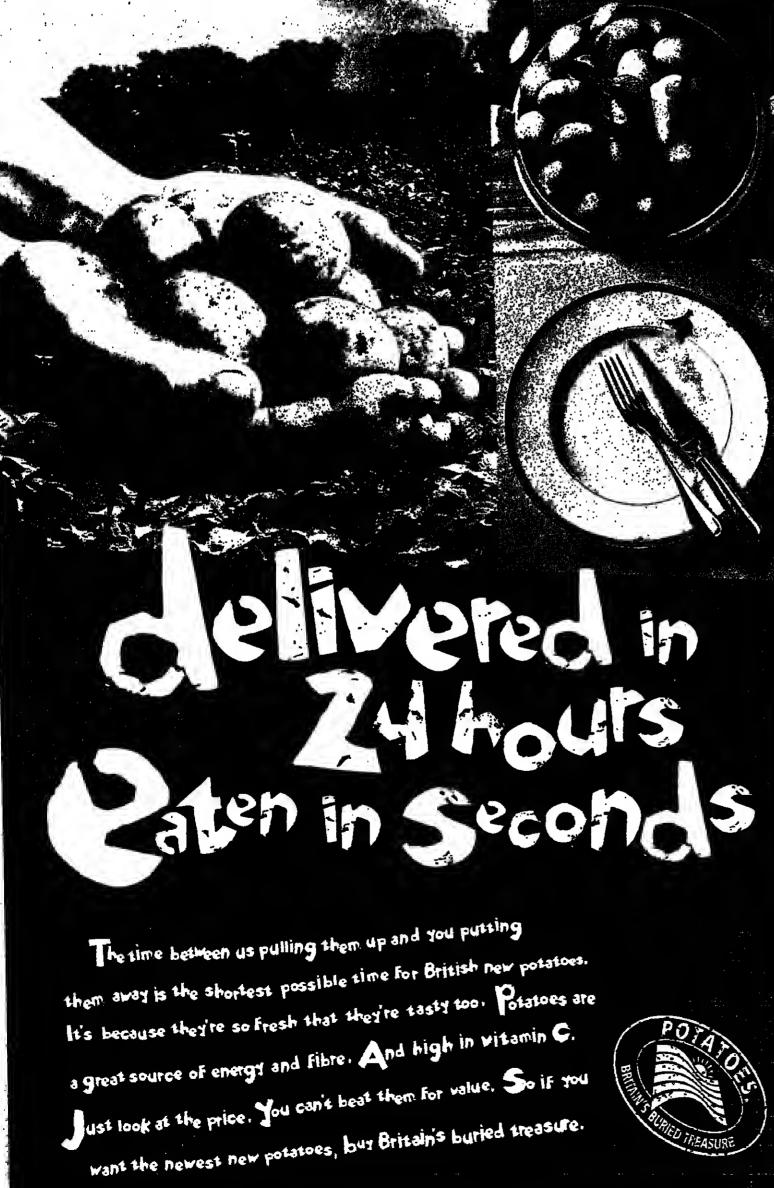
to return, he turned up at the The National Association of school gates during hreak Schoolmasters/Union of Womswinging a basehall bat. On 17 July, he was again en Teachers is balloting staff at Manton Junior School. Workexcluded for violent and dissop, after the boy arrived at ruptive behaviour hut the gov-

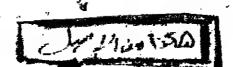
ernors agreed to reinstate him school wielding a basehall hal. The headteacher twice after an appeal from his parents. The NAS/UWT has recentexcluded the boy from school, hut both times the governors ly threatened to strike in two

similar cases, in Nottingham and ia Hehhurn, South Tyneside.

sion, in June, came at the end The Government is review of a year's disruptive behaviour, ing the system of appeals including threats and violence against exclusions, in which to teachers and fellow pupils. parents can ask first governors Before the date he was due and then an independent panel to overturn headteachers' decisions.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the NASUWT, said:
"If strike action is the only way good order and safety can be maintained, then so he it. However, if so, it must be an appalling indictment of today's society,





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Portrait of the artist in earring as a £10,000 prize winner

Award judges hail the renaissance of art form many thought dead

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

An angular and morose selfportrait yesterday won a 25-year-old the BP Portrait Award. Self Portrait by James Hague, from Derbyshire, shows the artist wearing an earring, his long and chalky face jutting from the canvas. It is as laconic in style as Hague himself, who said beforehand that he would be "quite pleased" to win the prize, worth £10,000.

The award was set up in 1980 to encourage young artists to develop the art of portraiture at a time when it was perceived as unfashionable.

Now, according to Robin Gibson, chief curator of the National Portrait Gallery, it is on the rise again. "Portrait painting is alive and kicking whether people like it or not," he said. "Every day I read in the papers









Alive and kicking: Portraiture today as represented by the award-winning paintings, Self Portrait, left, Family, which echoes Holbein's The Ambassadors in the National Gallery (far right) and II paper

ly surreal way.

things on its death, but it

hibition of the 63 best entries for it - are proof. This year 772 artists entered portraits. Last year 140,000 people came to the exhibition, almost double the vear before.

The National Portrait Gallery is immdated with requests from people trying to find portrait painters for themselves or their

were "very strong".

There was a time when por-"There was a time when por-traits might have seemed rather who is self-taught, for Family, a humdrum," he said. "A lot of artists were trapped into portraiture in the 18th and 19th centuries as a way of making a living. You can see that in Reynolds and Gainsborough at certain times in their careers. That's not true nowa-

Christopher Le Brun, one of the BP judges and an artist himself, said the entries this year imaginative purpose." The £4,000 second prize was

> portrait of his cousin and his partner and child. The painting's format was quite classical, Mr Andersen

Frances Borden, Mark Gilbert, said. "It echoes Holbein's Tom Hallifax and David Hosie painting of two geezers standing with objects placed around them relating to their lives

were commended. Mr Gibson said that portrait painting bad oscillated in and

lifted it straight from Holbein,

The third prize of £2,000 went to Mark McPadden, 23, for

Il papa, while Martyn Baldwin,

[The Ambassadors]. "I haven't out of fashion throughout history. It came into its own in but I've also placed objects which are important to these people around them in a slightthe Renaissance, when artists turned their energies from the divine to the human.

With the modernist revolution and the influence of artists like Picasso early this century, portrait painting became marginalised. "Then, after the borrors of two world wars, artists began to look at people again and the human situation," Mr Gibson said. "Human beings again

became acceptable subjects." Not always in the view of their sitters, of course. Winston Churchill famously loathed Graham Sutherland's portrait of him commissioned by the Houses of Parliament. After his death it emerged that it had been burnt by his wife.

More recently, a portrait of the Princess of Wales last year by Henry Mee was widely criticised as unflattering. Some observed that it made her

look like the Queen Mother Honor Clerk, the National Portrait Gallery's curator of the 20th century, said that the great British painters of this century - Lucien Freud, Francis Bacon, David Hockney - had traiture. If you have three people of such international renown doing portraiture it gives the whole geure a seriousness that people want to emulate," she said.

The Queen broadcasts her revenge Outlaws on the BBC Vramid

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

The Queen's Christmas broadcast, one of the oldest traditions in British broadcasting, will no

scheme

a violent box.

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face for the notorious Panorama Palace has decided to hand the filming of the hroadcast to ITV for two years from Christmas 1997. The BBC and ITV will then alternate every two years.



George V: 'Wireless' talk

Asked if the decision was taken because of the Panorama interview - in which the Princess of Wales admitted to adultery, and also observed that the presence of Camilla Parker Bowles had made her marriage rather "crowded" - a spokesman said: "No.

"We were considering a change to the current arrange-ments in early 1995, which was before the Panorama programme was broadcast."

But he admitted that work had already begun on this year's broadcast, expected to he watched by some 14 million people, which was why it would remain in the hands of the BBC. Arrangements for the Queen's broadcast would be "periodically reviewed". ITV had not put pressure on the Palace for the change.

"The arrangements reflect the composition of the television and radio industries today." the spokesman said. The Palace confirmed that

the 1996 Christmas broadcast would be handled by Philip Gilbert, BBC TV's head of events programmes, producer of

the broadcasts since 1991. In practical terms, viewers are unlikely to be aware of the

change when ITV takes over: the programme has always been in British broadcasting, was a longer be the sole preserve of the BBC, under arrangements announced by Buckingham ing it will in future be shared between BBC and ITV. shown on all four channels and

cur if ITV change the old-fashinterview with the Princess of ioned style of the programme, Wales last November, the which is usually prerecorded at Sandringham where the Royal Family spend Christmas.

The Palace spokesman said that the Royal Family was "al-

ways looking at ways of in-creasing the relevance of the broadcast and its presentation. "No doubt the ITV network and ITN in particular, who will

act as producers of the broad-

casts, have their own ideas to submit to the Palace." TTV hailed the decision as a coup. Its network director, Marcus Plantin, said: "I am de-lighted that ITV has been given the opportunity to participate in this annual hroadcast, which is so much part of the Christmas

Commonwealth." A BBC spokeswoman said: "In the contemporary broadcasting environment, it makes sense for the leading public service broadcasters to share the responsibility and costs of broadcasts of this kind."

tradition in Britain and the

The first Christmas Day broadcast was made in 1932 when King George V spoke on the "wireless" to the Empire from Sandringham, using the now famous words: "I speak now from my home and from my beart to you all."

It was the start of what became, to millions throughout what is now the Common-wealth, a traditional and integral part of the Christmas celebrations.

Like her father and grand-father, the Queen broadcast her early radio messages "live" and in 1957 did so for television as well. But since 1960 the broadcasts have been prerecorded - often incorporating material specially recorded during the year - to allow the film (now videotape) to be sent in advance to Commonwealth

It was in 1992 that she uncharacteristically used ber10minute broadcast to denounce her "annus horribilis". The confessional tone, widely derided, is today viewed by Palace officials as having been a mistake.

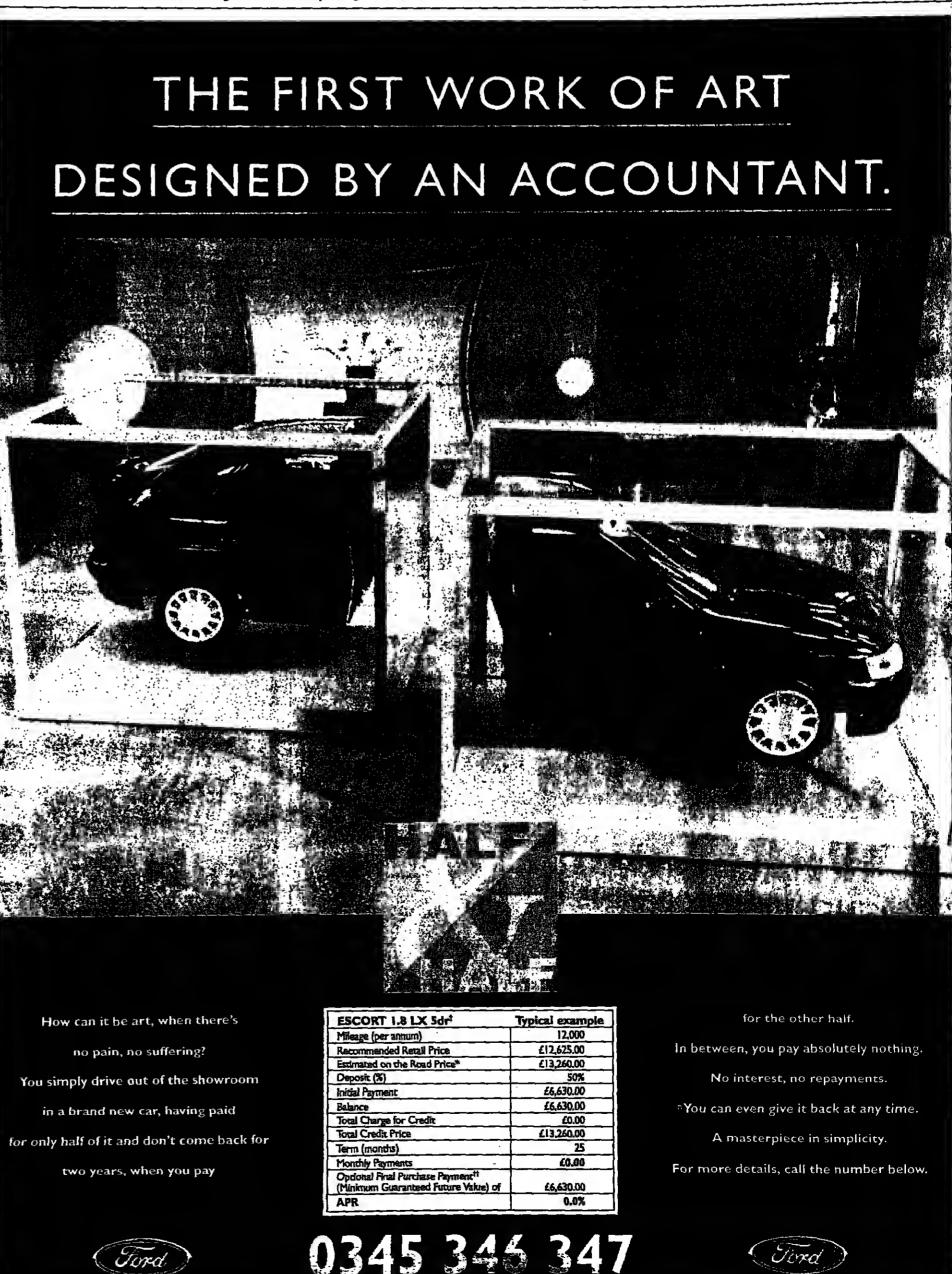
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Sitting tight: Private funding was needed for the statue of Dylan Thomas at Swansea marina Photograph: Martin Elard

LOUISE JURY

Benjamin Britten should take heart. Aldeburgh council may not want to see a statue to the great man in the Suffolk town but he is only the last in a long line of the great, good and gifted who are acknowledged by all except the communities in

which they lived and worked.

Aldeburgh's snubbing of the man who put the town on the map - as reported in vesterday's Independent - follows a familiar pattern. Dylan Thomas, DH Lawrence, even the comedian Tony Hancock, have all proved less than popular with locals than with the nation at large although the chances of eventual acknowledgement appear to in-

crease with the passage of time. A list of English Heritage statues with listed status bears ed by private enterprise and outtestimony to that. Oliver side initiatives. The first, a Cromwell gained recognition in bronze only in 1875 in Brook-Park funded by the US record lands. Greater Manchester. company that first marketed his John Wesley, the Methodist preacher, had to wait until 1932 in Bristol. "Perhaps your worth increases the longer you've not required private subsidy.

Why we are so slow to honour local heroes

been around." an English Heritage spokeswoman said.

Certainly memories of the departed can hinder early recognition. Many in Swansea, for example, regarded its most fa-mous son. Dylan Thomas, with distaste and suspicion because of his drinking and womanising.

Thus for many years the only tributes to the poet were fundpoetry readings, came only 10 years after his death. Even a statue in the city's new marina In Birmingham, three-quar-ters of people questioned to jected to having a statue of comedian Tony Hancock in the city centre. And Grantham,

Lincolnshire, currently has no

statue of Baroness Thatcher.

We have an unwritten policy

where we don't have statues to

people until they die," a council spokesman said. The British do not have the monopoly on such churlishness. The head of the Grandet Museum in Aix-en-Provence, France, refused to have any paintings by the town's famous son, Cézanne. Only after both their deaths did it acquire its first.

agreed, the form may prove ex-plosive. Kirklees metropolitan council sparked protests this year over proposals to place a statue of Lord Wilson, the former Labour prime minister, in a multi-storey car park or on a bridge over the M62 motorway.

All were dismissed in favour of a central square, although the scheme has yet to be funded. The problem of funding was the key factor in Aldeburgh council's desion not to honour Britten.

Maurice Blik, president of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, said public sculptures in the form of memorials were a significant part of British cultural life and failing to support them could prove short-sighted.

"Statues are icons which somehow encapsulate an atti-tude or belief about that society at the time," he said, "Economic considerations obviously come into it. But in some developments, the cost of a sculpture is often a tiny percentage of the whole cost. A very small investment in works of art can make the difference. It's like a Even when a tribute is bowl of flowers on a table."

deal going on

Barrie Clement on the animosity hindering strike negotiations

A pot of tea between the Tube's Ann Burfutt and her adversaries would be a frosty affair indeed

A battle of politics and personalities forms an intriguing backdrop to the London tube strike which will today cause transport chaos once more in the capital.

At one extreme of the painfully drawn-out negotia-tions is a union team which hears the infuence of Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party, while at the other is an "abrasive" London Under-ground team. A shared pot of tea between Ann Burfutt, the 42-year-old director of human resources and her union adversaries would be a frosty affair indeed.

There is a genuine argument at the centre of the tube conflict over the meaning of a deal to end last year's unrest which provided for a one-hour reduction in the working week. The unions believe that productivity improvements over the last 12 months should trigger the shorter working week, but management argues that the wording involves a commitment to fresh efficiency mea-

Relations between Ms Burfutt and representatives of the two unions involved - Aslef and RMT - have, however, con-

tributed to the unrest. The social permafrost and the consequent problem of communication helps to explain three successive years of disruption. It also helps to explain the present standoff which has resulted in today's 24-hour strike and is expected to lead to another next Monday. Six more strike days are planned unless there can be a meeting of

Part of the difficulty is political. Six of the 13 members of the "general grades" executive, which covers the rail industry at the RMT, are members of Arthur Scargill's hard left Socialist Labour Party. Bob Crow,



Adversaries: Ann Burfutt and Jimmy Knapp

The central issue in the dispute between unions and management at London Underground is the interpretation of a deal which resulted in industrial action last year.

:The unions believe that productivity improvements over the last 12 months should trigger a one-hour reduction in the working

Management argues that the wording of the agreement requires a commitment to fresh efficiency measures. The unions want

the union's assistant general secretary and chief negotiator at the Underground, left the Communist Party of Britain to join the SLP. The union is one of the few organisations where Mr Scargill's party can claim a degree of influence. SLP members see the dispute as part of the class struggle and for some of them conviviality with the "boss class" is tantamount to supping with the devil.

Yet the divide is not only politicial. Even Jimmy Knapp, the traditionalist but avuncular general secretary of the RMT who is an opponent of the SLP, has been unable to find a sinpoint of contact with Ms

As for Lew Adams, general

to continue talks at conciliation service Acas, but London Underground has called for a suspension of the action pending binding arbitration — a course of action supported by the Labour Party.

Apart from today's 24-hour strike and another

scheduled for Monday, six further strike days are planned for: Wednesday, 7 August, Tuesday, 13 August, Friday, 23 August, Tuesday, 27 August; Thursday, 5 September, and Monday, 9 September.

secretary of Aslef and a leftist member of the Labour Party, there have been occasions when his professional irritation has finally spilled over into blind Last year, at another time of

industrial unrest on the tube system, Ms Burfutt insisted on taking Aslef to the High Court. In a late-night hearing a judge de-clared the union's strike ballot unlawful on what Mr Adams saw as a technicality. One who was present said: "Lew went ballistic. If Ann Burfutt had been a man. Lew would have hit

On Tuesday, Mr Adams char-acterised management as "sick and incompetent", while London Underground accused him of thumbing through the play-

ground book of insults". It is clear that Ms Burfutt, a former personnel manager at Islington Council who joined London Transport in 1993, is illat-case with the union negotiators. After one recent session she remarked that she had been faced by seven angry men". Thus a significant part of the communication problem may well be her gender and the "maleness" of the union officials. Unlike her predecesses, she cannot retire to the pub ater a prolonged and expletiveridden meeting for a bout of

male-bonding over a pint.
Union officials are baffled by her style. "She is either the most subile, far-sighted negotiator or the most inept." said one RMT man. There is no doubting her toughness, indeed "abrasiveness", according to some.

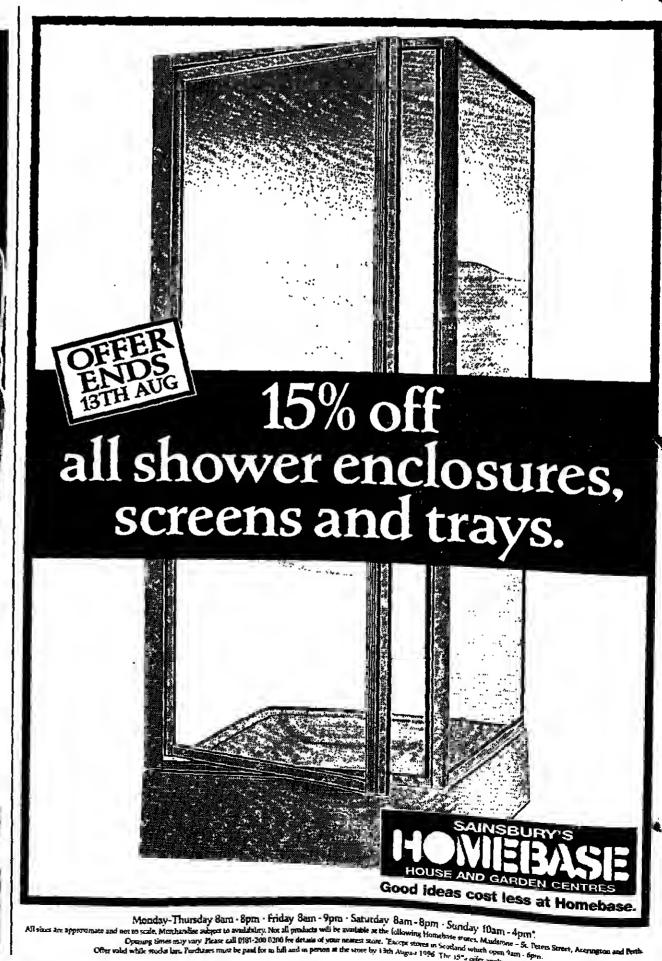
Management sources however argue that the politics of the RMT does not help - "some of them are on another planet" and neither does the unions' dinosaur negotiating style.

They are difficult people to negotiate with. Ann prides herself on her honesty. When she says it is the final offer, she means it.

However, there is an eminence grise on management's side. Ms Buriott will sometimes make it clear to unions that while she might well go along with a particular sugges-tion, her hoard would not Chairing that hoard is Peter Ford, who joined London Transport from P&O where he was among the "hawks" who insisted that the then National Union of Seamen, now part of the RMT, should be derecognised. Mr Ford is not over-fond of unions, and his organisation is facing some union negotiators who want to smash capitalism.

Not a formula for industrial





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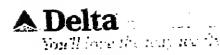
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Bujumbura — Burundi is in crisis following the collapse of the government bere in the capital vesterday. There are fears that this small central African nation. which has been teetering on the brink of civil war, could now succumh to chaos and anarchy.

Burundi has the same mix of majority Hutus and minority Tutsis as neighbouring Rwanda which was consumed by genocide and war two years ago.

"It would appear that a coup d'état is unfolding here, said one high-ranking Western official who declined to be identified. The Convention of Government has been dissolved and there is in fact no government in Burundi.

In a dramatic development. it was revealed yesterday that President Sylvesire Niibaniunganya had taken refuge in the residence of the United States fled there the night before last in fear of his life. The Hutu President was almost hinched on Tuesday by an angry Tutsi mob As fears of civil war rise, the Hutu President has taken refuge in the US Embassy, reports David Orr

at the funeral of 350 Tutsis massacred by Hutu extremists in the central region last weekend. It is feared that extremist

etements in the largely Tutsi military will attempt to take power by force. The army contains influential officers who were involved in a coup attempt involving the assassination of the first elected Hutu president in 1993. More than 50,000 members of both ethnic communities died in the fighting which followed.

The military has been en-gaged in an increasingly desperate effort to suppress an insurgency by Hutu rebels who have mounted a series of hruambassador in Bujumbura. He tal attacks on Tutsi settlements in recent weeks.

The massacre at Bugendena

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butchered, marked a horrific escalation of the conflict. Hundreds of people are being killed every month.

"The President is bere with his wife," confirmed an embassy spokesperson at the amhas sador's residence. "It's intended to be a temporary situation".

The fall of the government was brought about by the an-nouncement of the largely Tutsi Uprona party that it had withdrawn from the National Convention of Government, whereby it shares power with the largely Hutu Frodebu party. Uprona has called for the resignation of the Hutu

The President's safety is being secured by the United States," Mr Ntibantunganya's chief of staff told the Indepenin central Burundi last weekend. chief of staff told the *Independent* yesterday. The President



wants to ensure he's not going to die just like that. If such a tragedy were to happen, it would be very difficult to control the situation."

The presidential aide. Mames Bansubiyeko, conceded it was now uncertain whether the President could stay in office. But he added that his

departure could lead to chaos.
"He doesn't want to leave"
said Mr Bansubiyeko. "As long
as he remains alive he'll do as much as he can to calm the situation. However there is a real danger of a coup. The President is in contact with the Minister of Defence to see how this criis can be solved. A coup would change matters radically."

The President has consis-

tently told Western diplomats that be wants to hold on to office if at all possible. He fears his resignation or overthrow could lead to increased unrest.

The capital was last night calm and there was no evidence on the streets of a military take-over, despite the presence of Burundian paratroopers guarding the television

The fragile coalition of Frodebu and Uprona parties has looked more shaky than announced his resignation," catastrophe.

ever as the Tutsi Prime Minister. Antoine Nduwayo, has come under increasing pressure from Tutsi hardliners to stand

Both the Prime Minister and

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unfolding here. There is no government

the President are seen as being weak and ineffectual. They have repeatedly shown them-selves as incapable of resolving Burundi's political impasse and of bringing peace to the stricken

Western diplomats in the capital have been expressing fears of a military coup before the end of the week. Other observers have been predicting the imminent resignation of the Prime Minister.

Mr Nduwayo's chief of protocol told the Independent

Just because Uprona has rejected the Convention of Government, doesn't mean it is completely out of the govern-ment, the situation is very confused. Anything is now

Under the National Convention of Government powersharing agreement, Frodebu cannot exist in government on its own.

"It will be necessary to register another Convention of Government," said the President's chief of staff. "Or maybe someone else will take control."

With tension high in the capital, Burundians are anxiously waiting to see what ele-ments might fill the power vacuum which has developed. The fear is that political bardliners of both main parties will move centre stage, pushing out those moderates who might be willing to form a new government.

"It's not known what the President will do now," said one Burundian observer. "We're in ime Minister.

"The Prime Minister has not what's happening. It's a



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Hopes dashed over US set to slash ' WA crash victims

JOHN CARLIN Washington

Relatives of the victims aboard TWA flight 800, unimpressed by the riot of speculation concerning the cause of the crash, are being driven to despair by the slow pace of the recovery of the bodies and, worse, by the false hopes generated by seemingly irresponsible officials.

George Pataki, the governor of New York, suggested on Tuesday that 100 bodies might be recovered in the next few days. But he was roundly contradicted by Robert Francis, vice-chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, who said: "There are oo bodies that we have discovered that have not been recovered."

By yesterday, a week after the Boeing 747 exploded in mid-air, 111 bodies had been recovered from the Atlantic ocean and 119 still remained unaccounted for. This despite the fact that Mr Francis and other officials heading the investigation into the disaster have insisted that their main priority is to find all the

"It's been a roller-coaster," said Frank Ortiz, who lost a niece in the crash. "This morning they

and then we come here and they say they found only six bodies." Dottie Brier, a counsellor

belping the bereaved families, said: "That kind of confusion is very, very had for people ... Their hopes went up and came

Many of the relatives of the dead have been gathered since last week at a hotel near John F Kennedy airport in New York. Yesterday a group of 20 French relatives gave a press conference outside the hotel to complain about the slowness of the search for bodies. They wept, they shouted, the incoherence of their rage compounded by their

difficulties speaking English.

They say we find a tot of bodies and it is not true, they are not finding bodies," said Michel Oliver. "It's a politics thing, it's a politics story. I want my brother. I don't want politics. Everything is like this, every day, every day, every day..."
Mr Oliver appeared to be blaming Governor Pataki, who

has been a fixture on national television since the crash on 17 July, for playing to the gallery. He might have been more appalled had he been keeping an eye on events in Washington

say they found so many bodies where already, this being an election year, the Republican Party is seeking to score political points off the tragedy.

"President Clinton bas not provided leadership on this issue. He has almost dropped off the scene," said Larry Presier, a Republican senator. What was more, the senator complained, the President had failed to act on known terrorist threats to upgrade security in American

The senator, in common with many Americans, was jumping the gun. No evidence has yet been turned up to indicate the aircraft was blown up by terrorists. Whether any such evidence will ever turn up remains an open question. More than 98 per cent of the aircraft's wreckage is still on the ocean floor and as every day passes the possibility recedes of forensic investigators discovering the chemical residues which might help indicate whether a bomb, or indeed a

missile, destroyed the 747.
Yesterday the number of divers on the scene doubted to 120 and navy vessels arrived equipped with sophisticated sonar detection devices and rohot-operated uoderwater

export of arms in Senate vote

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The United States Senate was last night due to vote on imposing a Code of Conduct banning arms exports to dictatorial and aggressive regimes, similar to that proposed for the European Union. The US and the EU -which between them account for the vast majority of world arms exports - are now on course, for the first time, to restrain 80 per cent of the world arms trade.

But if the code is passed by the Senate, it will become binding - placing the US ahead of the EU which, although it has guidelines, has nn legislatinn.

On 16 July a group of European Parliament members, led by Glenys Kinnock, wrote tn nator Mark Hatfield, a Republican and the main sponsor of the code of conduct, stressing the need for the US and the EU tn impose similar controts. The proposed US code pre-

cludes arms exports to countries which are indemocratic, do unt respect human rights, are engaged in armed aggres-sion, and dn not participate ful-

ly in the new United Nations register of conventional arms. Irresponsible arms exports boomerang back on the US,"

said Senator Hatfield. "In the last four US firreign engage-ments – Iraq, Somalia, Panama and Haiti – American troops have faced weapons supplied by American manufacturers." Although EU member states agreed in 1991 and 1992 the eight criteria which should govern arms exports, there is as yet

nn common European arms export policy. The Euro-MPs want a "coherent and comprehensive arms export policy agreed and incorporated in the EU's statutes at the Inter-Governmental Conference. The proposed US code puts

the burden of proof on the re-cipient country. The EU guide-lines ptace the burden of proof differently, and countries interpret the EU guidelines in different ways. For example, the UK and Germany export arms to Indonesia – including Hawk jets reportedly used against rebels in East Timor. Italy and Portugal dn not, because of Jakarta's poor human rights

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China's new dictionary finds a place for the electric brain spirit. However, it did not ap- ological: new arrivals include the

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

It's official: religion is no longer an anaesthetic applied by the ruling class to control the masses. Now it is considered to be merely a "social phenomenon which disarms the people's fighting spirit".

This revision is among 9,000 word changes and definitions to be included in a newly revised version of China's official Modem Chinese Dictionary.

The original versioo was commissioned in 1956 during the 100 Flowers ("Let 100 flowers bloom") campaign, in which Chairman Mao Tse-tung called on intellectuals to criticise the Communist Party as a means of reinforcing its revolutionary

murderous Cultural Revolution

The dictionary's editors were instructed to cut out some of the old revolutionary phraseology so beloved of Chairman Mao's wife, Jiang Qing, who insisted that it form the core of every- among card issuers, as well as day speech during the Cultur- crucial additions such as al Revolution.

However, phrases such as "class struggle" and "the mass-es" have survived into the new era, in which, as the supreme leader, Deng Xiaoping, put it, "to get rich is glorious".

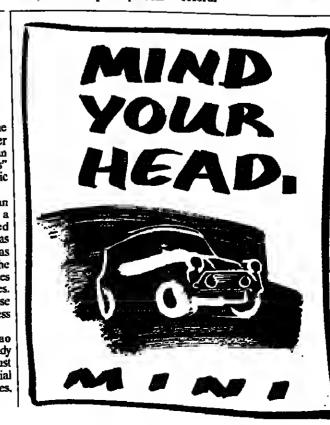
Minor revisions have been made in the past two decades, but these latest changes take things much further.

Not all of the changes are ide-

pear until the end of the fax machine ("reality transfer machine"). Computers make an appearance as "electric hrains" and Internet is "the electric brain network".

The credit card also makes an appearance as "trust card", a term not usually employed MTV. The last version of the dictionary sold 25 million copies and was reprinted 180 times. There is no reason to suppose the new version will be any less

The dictionary's editor, Hao Jingti, says that work has already begun on the next edition. Just m time, perhaps, for financial buzz-words such as derivatives. options and leveraging.



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Metro bomb: A year after blast 200 languish in French jails while no-one has been charged

Forgotten victims of terror

MARY DEJEVSKY,

At 4.30pm today, as the evening rush hour gathers pace, the great bell of Notre Dame will toll in memory of the eight people killed a year ago wheo a bomh exploded at the nearby Saint-Michel metro statioo. Survivors, as well as friends and relatives of the dead, will lay wreaths at the spot and re-member the victims of an attack that opened a two-mooth urban bombing campaign, thought to be run by the bardline Algerian Islamic group, GIA, which set all France on edge.

One year on, most of the consequences of last year's bombs are now hidden. The suffering of the injured and bereaved is concealed behind the high walls of Freoch family privacy. Others, however - for whom there is scant sympathy io France languish almost forgotten in French prisoos, remanded in custody in an investigation that is still far from complete.

While several key individuals are described as "wanted", and Khaled Kelkal - the 24-year-old French-educated Algerian who carelessly left his fingerprints on a bomh oear Lyoo is dead, shot by French police last September - no person has yet been charged with the Saint-Michel bomh. Only one person apprehended in France is oamed as possibly playing a large role in the campaign. He is Boualem Bensaid, a 28-year-old Algerian arrested by police it appears

almost by chance.
The lack of arrests and charges, however, is oot for want of trying. Throughout last August and September, not a week weot by without the police recording the number of people they had stopped, searched, and sometimes detained. The oumbers ran into thousands.

There are oow about 200 people in prison, on remand, in connection with last summer's bombs. They are held in various prisons, on the orders of different regional courts, in connection with offences, organisations or networks that may or may not finally come together in one central investigation.

The anti-terrorist section of the judiciary in Paris keeps a watching brief, but suspects can be kept in custody indefinitely only if their freedom is thought by a judge likely to may count himself relatively



Blood on the streets: Rescue workers in Paris last year treating victims of the explosion which ripped through a Metro train and launched a two-month bombing campaign thought to be the work of the Armed Islamic Group, GIA. Investigations have not found the perpetrators

jeopardise the investigation. In general, arrangemeots for the defence of those under investigation are said to be a débacle, with lawyers unable to gain access to documents they need and even lay their hands on de-

tails of chargespending. In particular, Bensaid is said to have been without defending counsel since the time of his arrest, having refused the lawyer allocated to him and having had his own nominee rejected in turn by the investigating judge. In this, Rachid Ramda, an Al-

gerian who was originally granted political asylum in London and who is now appealing against extradition to France,

fortunale. He is suspected by the Freoch authorities of "controlling" the GIA cells in France. He is being defended. however, by Gareth Peirce, the civil rights lawyer who appealed for the Guildford Four.

Though scaled down, the state of alert, Vigipirate, which brought troops on to the Parisian streets and authorised random stopping and searching, is still in force in the capital most often now affecting young men of North African appearance. Dawn police raids on nousing estates also continue, if sporadically..

Originally, the investigation a word about the all-consuming focused on Paris and Lyon; but threat of last summer, presumas later extended to Lille.

Raids oo housing estates were reported to have turned up antities of arms, ammunition and Islamic fundamentalist literature. The majority of those detained come from these estates, not counting Kelkal's two

associates who were picked up in the Beaujolais hills. For the authorities, anti-terrorism priorities have been reordered. At yesterday's Cabinet meeting, the prime minister, Alain Juppé listed only two concerns law and order on Corsica, and helping Spain to comhat the Basque separatist organisation, ETA. He said not

assisted by Islamic fundamentalist sympathisers in France. The pursuit of Abdelkarim

Deneche, the Algerian resident in Sweden whose extradition was urgently requested by the Freoch prosecutor, is oow tacitly acknowledged to have been a mistake - hut, nonetheless, it has failed to prompt questions. Deneche, who lost his permanent residency in Sweden after the French investigation, revealed the extent of his political activities in emigration, and only narrowly avoided deportation back to Algeria.

The quiet consensus in France now is that Deneche's arrest was a case of mistaken identity. He is said to resemble

a certain Ait Touchent, a former deputy coordinator of the GIA, now believed to be the brains and missing link in the Saint-Michel case. Deneche's problems arose after an off-duty gendarme "ideotified" him as having been in the Saint-Michel metro statioo shortly before the bomb went off.

The debate about Kelkal's killing - whether he was or was not threatening police with a gun when he was shot, and why his death was shown live on peak-time television - rumbles quietly on. But it is one of the few echoes of last summer's events, disturbing as they are, to have aroused any unease among French citizens.

Asian trade row splits EU and Britain

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

A rift has opened up between Britain and the European Com-mission over Loodon's application to become a member of the Asean Regiocal Forum (ARF). The spat is the latest evidence of deep differences between Britain and its European partners over the EU's embryonic attempts to forge a

commoo foreign policy.

The ARF presently consists of 19 full participants, including the seven countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean), the EU, the United States, Japan and Australia. Membership is theoretirana. Membership is incorei-ically open to "participants that can directly affect the peace and security of the region", a definition which is taken to embrace Russia and the states of Oceania, as well as the Americas.

As investors in the region, with individual military interests the European states are doubly represented on the ARF by the European Commission and by the occupant of the EU's rotating presidency, currently held by Ireland. But at the ARF's third ministerial meeting in Jakarta this week, the present arrangement has come under question amid gathering unease between the Asean states, the EU, and two of its member

At the heart of the problem are moves by Britain and France to acquire their own individual seats at the ARF, distinct from their collective representation under the European umhrella. France and Britain are both nuclear powers, and are the only permanent members of the UN Security Council without direct participation in the Forum. In making their application late last year, the British also cited their military presence in Hong Kong and Brunei, and their participatioo in the Five Nations Defence Pact, with Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and Aus-

Among the Asian states, this has been regarded as a flimsy rationale, and no noticeable progress has been made on accepting either the British or on Asian countries.

French applications. European Commission officials vigorously oppose the idea, for fear that their own influence may be reduced, or even that they may forfeit their collective seat in

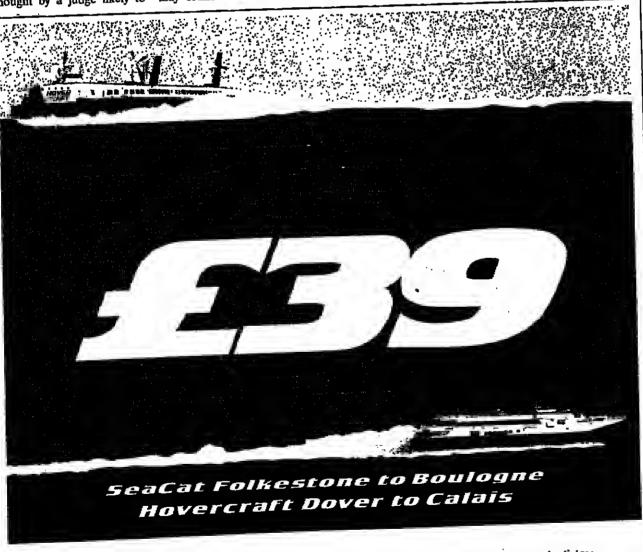
favour of Paris or Londoo. The British and French want to appear as great powers, hut they are showing a lack of trust in the EU. And supposing Britain got a seat and held the EU presidency—would it get two sears? It would be ridiculous," said a Commission official.

The rift has been used by some Asean nations as a way of getting back at the Commission, whose critical stance on human rights in Burma has irritated them. The Indonesian foreign minister, Ali Alatas, has boosted Britain's hopes, and dismayed the Europeans, by sympathetically setting out London's reasons for wanting fo join the ARF. "That was his way of subtly getting at us," said the Commission official. "It was Alatas saying be careful, we can take on them and drop you."

The Europeans have angered the Asean countries, particularly Indooesia, the host of this week's ARF conference, by their pointed criticisms of the State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slore), Rangoon's military junta. Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister and EU president, and the European Commission vice-president, Manuel Marin, have made repeated references to Burmese ruman rights violations. "There is deep concern in the European Union at what is happening in Myanmar," Mr Spring told a gathering of ministers yesterday. The Slore regime still rules in an unacceptable manner."

But human rights is a touchy subject amoog several Asean members, especially Mr Spring's Indonesian hosts whose brutal annexation of East Timor has itself been the subject of European condemnation. The bad feeling between the two sides overflowed at a news conference

on Tuesday when Mr Alatas denounced the "intellection arrogance and intellectual hypocrisy" of those who sought to impose Western-style democracy



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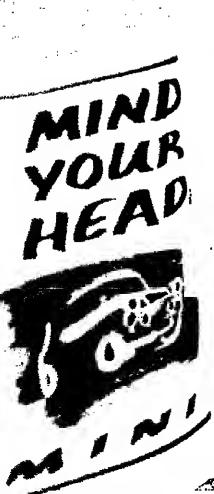
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Peace back on agenda as Levy meets Arafat

successful meeting between Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, and David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, hope is rekindling that the Oslo agree-ments between Israel and the Palestinians will continue to be implemented.

Each side is to form a negotiating team to implement the accords which include the withdrawal of Israeli forces from most parts of the Palestinian city of Hebron. Israel says that Mr Arafat promised that his Palestinian Authority will cease po-

litical activity in Jerusalem. Explaining the government's decision to deal with Mr Arafat. whom it has previously de-monised, an Israeli official said: "If we want to live in the past, we have a score to settle with every Arab leader... The government has decided that Arafat is a partner, and we will

It is a measure of the success of Benjamin Netanyahu, the newly-elected Israeli prime minister, in lowering expectauons about his adherence to Oslo, that his willingness to stick to a treaty already agreed has provoked a wave of optimism in the Middle East. In Israel the stock market, which dropped by a fifth following the election in May, immediately rallied.

In a bid to get talks between Syria and Israel resumed, Dennis Ross, the US Middle East peace negotiator, has returned to the region. His per-formance has been severely Palestinians had not revoked a section of the PLO charter callcriticised in Washington and his ing for the destruction of Israel.

Relations between Israel and Palestine are improving, writes Patrick Cockburn

US press reports, those these have been denied by the State Department.

In the aftermath of Mr Netanyahu's trip to Washington - and the applause he received in Congress for his hardline po-sitions - Mr Ross is also expected to stress that the US still supports the peace-for-land for-mula in the Middle East.

Mr Arafat was also expecting to go to Damascus yesterday for talks with President Hafez al-Assad, with whom he has had almost no contact for 13 years. Syria expelled Mr Assad and backed a rebellion against him in 1983. If, despite the present optimism, the Oslo accords begin to unravel, then Mr Arafat may feel he needs better rela-

tions with Syria. In Israel, Mr Levy said yesterday that he was ready to meet his Syrian counterpart to try to break the stalemate in relations. "If the Syrian foreign minister is interested and peace is important to his country...I am ready to meet him in any place and at any time," he said,

The better mood between the Israeli and Palestinian authorities reflects the fact that Mr Netanyahu is quietly defusing some of the issues that he used to win the election. For instance, his party insisted that the

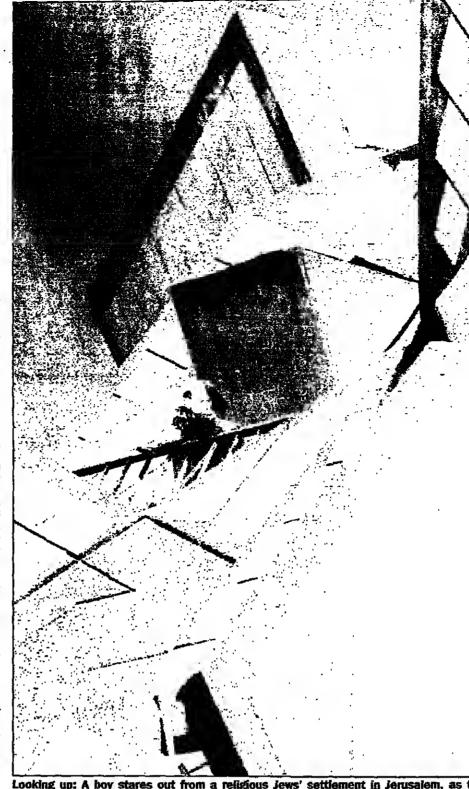
job is under threat, according to Mr Arafat is now to write to Mr Netanyahu saying that the covenant has been changed.

During the election, Mr Netanyahu also said that Israel's control of Jerusalem was being eroded by the activities of the PLO operating from Orient House, the Palestinian headquarters in east Jerusalem, where right-wing demonstrators had gathered outside the building on one occasion. But given the lack of Palestinian political activity in the city, Mr Arafat's reported promise that they

se, was easy to make. With his main campaign themes Mr Netanyahu has made no concessions, though. He said he opposed a Palestin-ian state, discussions on Jeru-salem and a halt to Israeli settlement of the West Bank. In dealing with Syria he is against giving up the Golan Heights, captured in the 1967 war.

■ - The number of Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip grew by 39 per cent, to 145,000, under Israel's previous government, the group Peace Now said yesterday. The Rabin government completed 10,000 homes begun under the right-wing government of Yitzhak Shamir from 1990 to 1992, and built 3,942 new homes. Settlers' babies - from 15,000 and 16,000 -made up the remainder of the population in-

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Looking up: A boy stares out from a religious Jews' settlement in Jerusalem, as the Israeli government voices support for larger settlements in Arab lands Photograph: AP

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Two bombs exploded in a commuter train in Sri Lanka as it pulled away from a suburban railway station. Hospitals reported at least 60 dead and more than 200 wounded. The bombs exploded south of the capital.
Colombo, as people were returning home from work. The simultaneous explosions were in two separate carriages. Bodies were found among shoes, briefcases, handbags and other debris strewn around the two wrecked

Government ministers blamed militant Tamil separatists for the attack. The latest violence came as government troops recaptured a strategic army camp in the north-east after some of the bloodiest fighting in the the country's 13-year-long ethnic war, Reuter - Colombo

Russian arrested for allegedly passing secrets to Afour British diplomats who were expelled from Moscow in May was a junior diplomat with a passion for writing spy novels, the newspaper Argumenty i Fakty claimed yesterday,

While the Russian authorities were preparing to charge Platon Obukhov with treason, he had told his interrogators that he had only been meeting the British in order to gather material for his latest novel, the newspaper said.
The book could be called *Playing with Death*, it commented, for that is the sentence Mr Obukhov faces if his case comes to trial and he is convicted. Helen Womack - Moscow

third jail inmate on a mass hunger strike died in A Thrkey yesterday, as the government sought to regain control of three prisons. However, 61 more prisoners have joined the fast. Almost 2,000 inmates in 33 prisons throughout the country have been refusing to take solid food for the past two months in a protest against poor prison conditious. About 275 inmates are refusing to drink even sugared water. AP - Istanbul

The French government approved the appointment of Louis Gallois, 52, the head of the state aeronautical company, Aerospatiale, to chair the French national railway company, SNCF. The previous head, Loik Le Floch-Prigent, resigned last week after being further remanded in custody in connection with a big corruption investigation, Mury Dejevsky - Paris

the European Union attacked proposed legislation in the United States to penalise foreign energy companies which are active in Libya and Iran. We are also determined to combat terrorism, but we don't think this is the right way to go about it," said an EU trade spokesman, Peter

The US House of Representatives adopted legislation on Tuesday which provides for sanctions against foreign companies that invest more than \$40m (£25m) a year in the Iranian or Libyan energy sectors. AP - Brussels

Inspectors from the UN searched for weapons of mass destruction inside one of President Saddam Hussem's palaces after a standoff with Iraq's Republican Guards, Iraqi dissidents said. It was the first time that the UN weapons experts were reported to have entered one of the President's numerous palaces since they started their mission after the 1991 Guif War. AP - Cairo

Dosnia is likely to return to war if no international force remains in the country after December, when Nato peace-keepers plan to leave, the chief of US military intelligence, Patrick Hughes, said. War would be likely because the Bosnian factions had not given up their goals. and the conditions for civil order had not been established. he said. Reuter - Washington

otswana will unilaterally decide to cull elephants Dand trade in ivory products if the international rules restricting these activities are not relaxed. President Ketumile Masire said. AP - Gaborone

en years after the Chemobyl nuclear disaster spewed radioactivity across much of Europe, Austria's mushrooms are still contaminated with caesium from the fall-out. Austria's state television said. Experts warned people against the popular pastime of collecting mushrooms, which are considered a delicacy throughout the country. Reuter - Vienna

Israelis refuse services to 'illegal' villages

PATRICK COCKBURN

An Arab-Israeli village hidden in a pine forest above Haifa is about to disappear again, A senior Israeli minister, who once described Palestinians as "cockroaches", has decided that it does not legally exist.

"I am in a state of shock," said Mohammed Abu el-Haija, a 43-year-old civil engineer and the leader of the village of Ein Hod. He had hoped that the Israeli government would supply water and electricity to the 200 villagers for the first time in almost 50 years, and even collect the garbage.

The decision by Gen Rafael Eitan, the new Israeli Environment Minister and the army chief of staff who led the invasion of Lebanon in 1982, is like-

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Gen Rafael Eitan: 'Go and live in other Arab villages

ly to reignite the controversy over some 65,000 Israeli-Arabs, all Israeli citizens, who live in 40 unrecognised villages.

Em Hod is hard to find, down three miles of dusty,

We were driven out from our sheep and goats."

The result was two villages called Ein Hod. The old Palesnian village of graceful stone houses was turned over to Israeli artists, whose kitsch products decorate the streets. A few miles away, a new Ein Hod was built on the side of a steep valley. Surprisingly, it grew, despite intense Israeli pressure. At one time it was fenced off with barbed wire; in 1971 the area was declared a national forest and pines were planted to engulf Mr Haija's olive trees.

the name of the village hand-written in Hebrew and Arabic. woman, fell ill and I tried to take her to hospital in my car. She old village in 1948," said Mr Haija. "We hid here, where my grandfather had, shelters for the nearby kibbutz of Nir Etzion get electricity and water, which his village is denied.

Last year the government finally agreed to recognise Ein Hod and seven other villages. A bus started to take the children to school. The village was to be made the legal owner of the 45 acres of pine forest in which it stands. The long campaign of Mr Haija - who is chairman of an association of all the Israeli-Arab unrecognised villages - seemed to have suc-

But Naftali Yaniv, a spokes-

twisting track, the only guides being pieces of paper tacked to pine trees, with an arrow and road," he said. "Four months ous government's policy was go-hod is a symbol of the hostilsaid: "What is happening at Ein Hod is a symbol of the hostil-ity of the state to its Arab citious government's policy was go-ing into reverse. "The minister objects to the recognition of the zens." He believes that the fate village because it will be a of unrecognised villages, with no precedent for ... 39 other vil- water or roads, will provoke a lages in the northern part of the struggle for civil rights among country," he said Furthermore, the 800,000 Israeli Arabs. He Israel would not give up any of said he knew of one Arab community which was about to be

Villagers say that they are replaced by a Jewish cemetery, shocked, but this unsympathetic approach cannot have been a total surprise. Gen Eitan only just escaped dismissal as Israeli chief of staff after an official Israeli report criticised his actions during the massacre of 700-800 Palestinians at Sabra and Canalia in 1982. He once referred to Palestinians as drugged cockroaches in a

Azmi Bishara, an Israeli-

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and added: "We should escalar the struggle and hold a gener-

Gen Eitan told the Knesset

this week that he did have a

solution to the problem of the inhabitants of Ein Hod: They

should go and live in Arab vil-

lages elsewhere.
Mr Haija commented: "It isn't easy living here, but it is our land. Besides, we have nowhere

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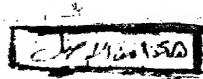
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A Palestinian state is the key to peace

television advertisement showing Yasser Arafat walking up a staircase hand-in-hand with Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, was repeatedly shown by the right-wing opposition during the Israeli election campaign. The same picture appeared on leaflets slipped under every door in Israel. Supporters of Binyamin Netanyahu, who won the election by just 15,000 votes out of three million, evidently believed that Mr Peres would be damaged by evidence of cordinary relations with the dence of cordial relations with the Palestinian leader. Given the closeness of the result the film may have won them the election. How ironic, then, that this week a beaming Nir Arafat was repeatedly shaking hands with David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, before the television cameras. It is unlikely that Mr Netanyahu himself can long avoid Mr Arafat's embrace.

Does this mean that Mr Netanyahu is a closet pragmatist rather than the ideologue he has always appeared? Are the Oslo accords, the series of agreements between Israel and the Palestinians signed since 1993, alive and well despite the defeat of Mr Peres? Could it be that the world has got Mr Netanyahu wrong? If nothing else the surge in optimism across the Middle East in the last couple of days has shown Mr Netanyahu's strength as a tactician. By doing nothing more than agreeing to implement parts of a treaty

Israel has already signed be has won points for moderation. By taking an intransigent line in his visits to the US and Egypt, he has so lowered expectations that a small concession goes far.

It is easy to make too much of the negotiations. Mr Netanyahu has been conciliatory on minor issues. Some of these, like Palestinian political activity in Orient House in Jerusalem, had been built up by him during the election campaign and can be easily deflated. But on differences that will determine the relations between Israelis and Palestinians into the next century there is no sign of the Israeli leader changing his stance. He and his government reject a Palestinian state, an end to the building of Israeli settlements on the West Bank and Gaza and any compromise on Jerusalem.

If there is any reason for optimism it is that the Oslo agreements are showing signs of durability. This is because they represent a certain balance of power between Israel and the Palestinians. It is much in favour of the former, but it has become clear to Mr Netanyahu since he took office that the accords cannot discarded without provoking prolonged violence. Mr Netanyahu promised the Israeli voters that be could give them peace and security. In the one television debate of the election he accused Mr Peres of putting the security of Israeli children in the bands of Mr Arafat. As Prime Minis-



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ter he bas found that be has little choice but to do so himself. Within days of taking power be was informed by the Shin Bet (Israeli security) that, without co-operation with Mr Arafat and Palestinian security, bombs would start exploding in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

They may do so yet. Mr Arafat wants to see implemented the interim agreement with Israel which was signed last year. He wants Israel out of most of the city of Hebron on the West Bank. He wants other scheduled withdrawals on the West Bank to go ahead and Palestinian prisoners to be released. Mr Netanyahu can gain time by gradually

doing what Mr Peres would have done. But it is doubtful that Mr Arafat can continue to imprison members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad if Israeli settlements are expanded. Neither Israel nor the US, baving stridently demanded a 'clamp down' on Islamic militants, can complain too loudly over Mr Arafat's appalling human rights record. But ordinary Palestinians expect his policy of security co-opera-tion with Israel to bring some improvement in their lives.

A problem with Oslo since Israelis and Palestinians first signed its basic outlines in 1993 is that the whole process Arafat to sell concessions over

is drawn out over eight years. This was an open invitation for those opposed to it to try to derail it by bomb and bullet.
Both Israelis and Palestinians have tried to do so with a fair measure of success. Hamas and Islamic Jihad exploded their suicide bombs. Baruch Goldstein, an Israeli settler, killed 29 Palestinians in a mosque in Hehron. Yigal Amir shot Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, in the back in order stop the Israeli withdrawal from the land he believed God had given to the Jews. By implying, as he did this week, that be will stop all movement in the peace process if there is another bomb attack Mr Netanyahu is encouraging opponents of Oslo to resort to violence.

Is there any way it could be avoided?

A lesson of the last half-century is that Palestinian nationalism is irrepressible - perhaps even as irrepressible as Zionism was. In 1982 Israel invaded Lebanon to eliminate the PLO, with disastrous results for itself. The Palestinian Intifada in 1987 showed that the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza could not be maintained without immense efforts by Israel. Even if Mr Netanyahu were to return Israeli troops to the cities and towns they evacuated last year be would have to fight a small war to take and bold them.

Nothing can really be achieved without granting a Palestinian state. If this were on offer it would be easier for Mr

THINKS:

Jerusalem and settlements to his followers. Everything that has happened in the Middle East over the last balfcentury shows the strength of Palestinian nationalism. Whatever Israeli hopes and Palestinian fears, this makes it impossible for Mr Arafat to preside over a Palestinian Bantustan. Even if Mr Netanyahu, like Mr Peres. gnes band-in-hand with Mr Arafat the conflict will continue until the Palestinians achieve self-determination.

Sporting chance for subsidy

We haven't said this often lately, but three cheers for the PM. A new national sports academy, help for sports in schools; these are great ways to spend the extra National Lottery cash.

This is something John Major feels passionate about. We in Britain don't pay enough attention to sport, he says. We don't provide enough high-quality facilities for our athletes, or enough training opportunities for them to suc-ceed. So, the Government is leaping into the breach to sort things out. Good.

But isn't it curious that the PM doesn't expect the free market to solve the problem? The liberal ideologue is quickly replaced by the keen interventionist when the issue is close to his beart.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

High price of Said's £20m gift to Oxford

Sir: Alexander Murray (Letters, 24 July) is entitled to his negative view of Oxford's proposed new School of Management Studies, but that is a matter of opinion. What is not a matter of opinion is that Mr Said's proposed benefaction is conditional upon the university's matching it from other sources to the tune of £18m (plus the sacrifice of a playing-field site valued at

Those whose vocation is fundraising will see only a magnificent gift of £20m. Others might put it differently: the university has been sucked into an obligation to find £18m for management studies which, to put it mildly, it might dave preferred to devote

alternative purpose. Our eupboric fund-raisers will say that Mr Said's gift will act as a magnet for further donations. Maybe. But if, as seems likely, after the five years' grace a substantial residue remains to he taken out of general funds, the university has to consider whether it would have wished to devote that amount to management studies rather than something else. Moreover, during the fund-raising period, the university is obliged to contribute to management studies the income that £18m of endowment would have yielded if it had already been raised, ie approximately three quarters of a million pounds per annum. Finally, even if Mr Said's benefaction does sumulate other donors to earmark gifts for management studies up to the full matching sum needed, it is impossible to know how much of this money would have been given to Oxford anyway. Supporters of alternative causes such as the Bodleian could fairly see such

amounts as losses, not gains. Some of us will be voting against accepting Mr Said's generous offer when the matter is debated in Congregation on Guy Fawkes Day RICHARD DAWKINS New College Oxford

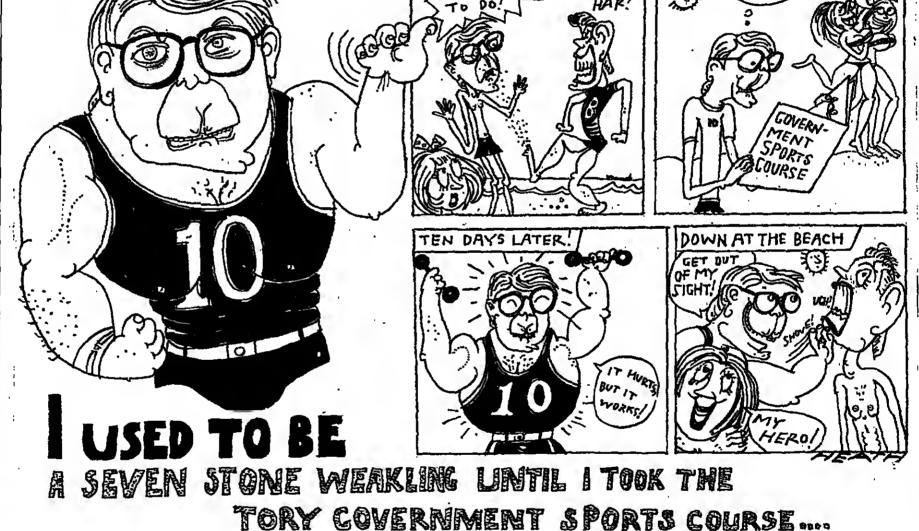
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Business plans or care for patients

Sir. Graham Blincow in his defence of fundholding for GPs (letter, 24 July) clearly does not appreciate the enormous change of attitude towards public service that bas taken place over the past 20 years.

I became a GP in 1961 and - Mr Blincow is quite right - we had no business expertise. We did not regard our practice as a business. We had no list of our patients wbo were on hospital waiting lists and no statistical knowledge about the needs of patients. We would not bave known what to do with such information if we bad had it.

We deaft with individuals. We did whatever seemed to be the best thing for the patient in front of us. Asked if Mr Smith was on a waiting list we could have answered ves or nn. As a result of "proper business plans", Mr Blincow tells us. everyone now knows what the objectives are. If your practice exists to serve patients, what objectives can there be other than dealing with the individual patient's needs to his best advantage? ROGER JAMES Southsea.



Confusion about sources of BSE

Sir: The widespread confusion about BSE, scrapie and CJD is due to the fact that the transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs)—CID, BSE, scrapie and kuru - are caused by a mysterious infective agent (the scrapie agent) which is poorly understood even by scientists. Thus we read (report, 24 July) that, "if sheep are infected with BSE the disease can be transmitted from mother to offspring - which has not been proved to happen in cattle." But scrapie is maternally transmitted (lambs are infected in utero), which is why it has been with us for centuries.

When our cattle were forced before July 1988 to swallow dead sheep (all of whose brains were still inside the skulls and therefore, unlike cattle brains, not in our food chain) our bovine friends caught the ovine TSE, scrapie, now renamed BSE. And there is plenty of evidence that BSE is also maternally transmitted, but the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is denying this. Thus it proclaims that calves are infected because farmers have been continuing to feed the infected material, banned since 1988

The reason why "scrapie is not believed to pose any risk to humans' is that abantoir workers do not routinely remove sheep's brainsthe infective organ - from the skulls (not worthwhile) so that, unlike cattle brains until 1989, they never finish up in our "meat products". They finish up in animal feed instead. Sheep's spinal conts. however, still arrive on our dinner plates, in lamb chops, and I have no doubt that is where genetically susceptible humans have hitherto

been catching CID. The proposed new ban which includes sheep spinal cords is therefore welcome. HCGRANT Neuropathologist

How to revive our town halls

London NT43

Sir: Your admirable leading article (23 July) on diversity in local democracy, untably by the election of executive mayors in those places where they can thrive, overlooks the means whereby "local power grows out of a local political context and

reflects its idiosyncrasies". The dismay over and the disaffection from politics in Britain today stems from our outdated political process and the belief by growing numbers of people that the overriding party caucus system no longer reflects their wishes, certainly as far as the young and ethnic minorities are concerned. Hence the boom in single-issue campaigning.

Hence too the demand for electoral reforms. Indeed, how stimulating it might be to have primary elections for executive mayors rather than dreary local elections where nobody knows the candidates and where national concerns more often than not decide the way that roughly a third of the electorate vote. Let's have some local razzmatazz.

There are welcome signs that the public want to play an inherent role, in local democracies. Some councils are experimenting with limited local referendums and

consultation exercises using citizens' juries and the like. These

need to be supported. Yet local government, which can still be the true engine of change and devolution despite the centralisation of decision making, receives no sustained positive coverage in the media, even at local level in too many cases where pathetic jnurnalism fails the people. We need to change that too. GERALD ISAAMAN

British troops in Brunei

London NW6

Sir. In describing British reaction to the revolt in Brunei of 1962, Stephen Vines ("Activist's release stirs hape for change in Brunei", 23 July) stated that it was "swiftly and brutally put down by British forces. mainly Gurkha troops."

In fact, only one battalion of Gurkhas (1st/2nd Gurkha Rifles) took part and apart from an encounter battle in Tutong where a British officer was killed, they played a relatively low-profile part. The Queen's Own Highlanders and 42 Commando, Royal Marines were most involved, the latter suffering five dead and six wounded during the rescue nf British hostages at Limbang. Generally, we found the Brunei rebels to be fairly inept and goodnatured and as one who took part I find it deeply offensive to be described as brutal. RUPERT van der HORST Wincanton, Somerset

Passion on the Peugeot bonnet

Sir: Your article "Forget the sex, it's the Wax factor that sells the car to women" (17 July) says research into the Peugeot commercial that shows a man having sex with a woman across the bonnet of the car was found to be a patronising way of selling cars to women.

The man is shown meeting the woman in a car park, driving to a beach, baving sex with her and then he drives bome to be greeted by his wife and four children. Lo and bebold, his wife is the same woman. As an advertising researcher I have conducted consumer focus

groups in which this commercial was discussed. Far from being patronised the women found the idea of a man still having passionate sex with his wife very appealing. The men assumed that the wife and the woman were two different people. A much more patronising assumption. LUCY BANISTER Director, Davies Riley-Smith Maclay London NI

Invisible phones

Sir: The point always overlooked in the phone box debate (report, 24 July) is visibility. All-red boxes in the Scott design can be spotted from a great distance, if you need the phone in a strange place. The peculiar hybrid illustrated on your front page does little to remedy the defect of more recent designs. GEOFFREY CRAWLEY
London WC1

Ethics of the **Arts Council**

Sir: If there is indeed a perception of "croneyism" in the Arts Council's cultural patronage, as David Lister suggests ("The fine art of networking", 19 July), then it is because such articles create the perception. The strength of the Arts Council's decision-making process is that it is based on peer-group assessment, and the council is fortunate to be able to call on the advice of leading arts practitioners, who give of their time for no material reward. Inevitably those practitioners are connected with leading arts organisations who may receive funding from the Arts Council or may

be seeking lottery money.
The question of conflict of interest is met not "with blank looks" as David Lister writes, but by the operation of a strict ethical and procedural code, approved by the parliamentary ombudsman and even more rigorous than the code required by the Treasury. MARY ALLEN Secretary-General The Arts Council of England London SW7

Brothel peril

Sir: How far does Melvyn Bragg ("Let's hear it for the brothel", 23 July) want to push legalisation of prostitution? Does he want prostitution to be turned into such a legitimate profession that unemployed women will be refused benefit if they don't take the nice job going at the local brothel? Will donations from pimps be welcome additions to party funds? **EILEEN LAVIN** London NTI 2

Pressure to 'choose' abortion

Sir. Helen Bailey (letter, 20 July) writes about the pain of the pregnant woman who, for "social reasons" feels it necessary to abort her baby. A lot of this pain occurs because the Abortion Act, rather than giving real freedom to women has enabled others (and not always men) to put enormous pressure on women to "choose" abortion.

Sometimes this pressure is blatant, but more often subtle, with veiled threats or a totally negative attitude towards the pregnancy that leaves the woman feeling alone and vulnerable and therefore more ready to agree in something she instinctively feels is wrong. As a pregnancy counsellor, perhaps the greatest pain of all that I see is the pain of grief and guilt of those suffering from post-abortion, women who felt, at the time, that abortion was their best choice, but later the pain of knowing that they deliberately chose to end the life of an unborn child can seem unbearable.

It is not so much "choice" that women with a problem pregnancy are seeking, but care, compassion, practical and financial help to enable them to cope; and it is an unjust, uncaring society that offers abortion instead. MIS JEAN PAYNE Dinedor, Hereford

Sir: For the last 150 years pain during surgery has been prevented

The foctus is technically a "deep compartment". In other words, it takes a little longer for anaesthetic drugs to reach effective concentrations in the foetal brain than in the woman's. However, they do diffuse across the placenta and will reach equilibrium. Leaving aside the question of whether there is anything in a foetus's head that can experience pain in a meaningful sense at 10-12 weeks, the nerves involved are in no condition to do so

while the woman is anaesthetised. Abortion is not a decision lightly reached or an operation lightly carried ont, but to dwell on legendary (that is, half historical and half imaginary) horrors neither advances the argument nor lends credibility to the moral stance of absolutists against abortion. As for a time-expired frozen

embryo, there is too much fuss about something with fewer cells than an ant, and no neurones at all. A K MIDGLEY GP, lately anaesthetic registrar Exeter

Lit Crit mafia

Sir: Novels have an enormous potential for civilising us - making us more tolerant, more imaginative, more forgiving; but only if they are actually read ("Modern literary culture has lost

the plot", 18 July). Unlike the Lit Crit mafia, paid to read novels at nine o'clock in the morning whether they like them or not, most of us read for pleasure at the end of a husy day, paying heavily for it in terms of chronic sleep deficit. For this we need an incentive stronger than the mere promise of self-improvement.

many English graduates writing novels. On the contrary, there are too many English graduates reviewing them, and they haven't noticed that a novel is not a lutorial essay, and that giving marks for effort isn't quite the point. ANGELA PARTINGTON Appleton, Oxfordshire

It is often said that there are too

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Blair's big beauty contest

The winners of yesterday's shadow cabinet elections cannot rest on their laurels. How they perform from now on is what will determine their chances of a place in a Blair government, says Donald Macintyre





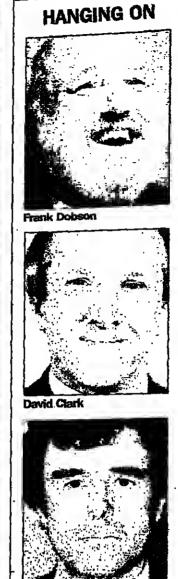














one safe bet about the Labour Shadow Cabinet elected last night is that it won't be identical to the Cabinet Tony Blair mental briefs; their perforappoints if and when he mance at the Commons hecomes Prime Minister some time over the next 10 months. The respected Labour MP Jeff Rooker struck a chord last week when he pointedly remarked that Blair was under no "legal obligation" to take his

government. For most members of Labour's front bench, how they likes to think of itself, then it perform in the protracted general election campaign between now and May will probably have more influence on whether - and at what level they win a seat at the cabinet table than anything that has so far happened during the party's long dark years of opposition.

colleagues according to three sliff tests: their intelligence in developing and selling the policies covered by their departdispatch box and on the airwaves; and how far they are in the jargon of the Blair circle - "team players".

Shadow cabinet elections have come to be seen as a political heauty contest. But if really is the most sophisticated electorate in the world, as it must know already that the beauty contest that matters, the one to decide who will form possibly the first Labour Cabinet for the best part of a generation, starts now.

There are, of course, some

his party in 1945 by swapping, at King George VTs suggestion, the portfolios of Hugh Dalton and Ernest Bevin, making the former chancellor and the latter foreign secretary. But much as Robin Cook might yearn for Blair to do the same, he won't. Gordon Brown will be Chancellor of the Exchequer and the best bet must still be that Cook will be foreign secretary. Lord (Derry) Irvine, Mr Blair's mentor and pupil master at the bar will become Lord Chancellor.

David Blunkett has Blair's public word for it that be will be the tary since Shirley Williams. And beyond that almost nothing can be said with total confidence about who will be who in a Blair government

The uncertainty is comcertainties about a few of the pounded by the deep reluc-the biggest hitters in the Labour tance, to put it mildly, of

Blair is likely to judge his team. Clement Attlee amazed Blair's lieutenants to speak about the future shape of a Labour Cabinet all. In the face of a reticence bordering on the paranoid and a deep dislike of all speculation on the subject, we can only, well,

> One of the few public utterances on the subject from anyone close to the leadership is an enigmatic paragraph in Peter

the prospect, however exciting, that fortified by a handsome majority Tony Blair will immediately bury half the Shadow Cabinet elected last night, appoint a dozen or so rising modernisers from outside its ranks, and offer jobs to the Liberal Democrats Paddy Ashdown, Menzies Campbell and Charles Kennedy. Given Blair's capacity to surprise, it from his first Cabinet main-

ters of state. This isn't so had, career-wise, when you consider that Roy Jenkins's first job, in 1964, was outside the Cahinet, and that he was home secretary a year later and chancellor two years after

duct themselves as key minis-

For Blair may not be as keen as some think to exclude

Even Margaret Thatcher, not the most spineless of leaders, still found it necessary to balance right and left in her Cabinet

Mandelson's book The Blair Revolution in which he says that "with less need to balance right and left since the days of old Labour, ministers at all levels can be selected strictly on merit - producing a government of talents, rather than of interests, to ensure maximum

This needs to be taken with a pinch of salt. Margaret Thatcher, not exactly the most spineless or least ideological of party leaders, still found it necessary, right to the end, to balance right and left in her Cabinel. Indeed, the one she appointed in 1979 was positively dripping with "wets" on the pro-European, one-nation left of the party. Labour's Cooks and Prescotts will gain places on merit alone, but they also have constituencies that cannot be ignored.

is conceivable, of course, that he will do just that Alistair Darling, Alan

Michael, Brian Wilson, Tessa Jowell, Kim Howells, Stephen Byers, Alan Milburn, Henry Macleish, Geoff Hoon, (from the left) Dawn Primarolo and, of course, Mandelson himself, are all putative cabinet entrants, with Darling probahly the front-runner to go into a first Cabinet, Blair will be tempted to elevate Frank Field for his rare ability to think the unthinkable on social security. The Labour peer and academic Baronness Blackstone would be an intriguing choice for leader of the Lords, (though it is more likely to be the present Lahour leader, Lord Richard.)

But it is likelier that most will have to wait for the first big post-election reshuffle - stream or even old Lahour members of the Shadow Cabinet. The unreconstructed Michael Meacher and Tom Clarke, who unhelpfully attacked the Labour candidate in the middle of the Monklands hy-election, are not good bets. Nor, perhaps, is the persistently, if engagingly, boat rocking Clare Short - at

least in her present job.
But while Jack Cunningham (old Labour right) hasn't always been the most energetic of Opposition politicians, he is regarded by Blair as a heavyweight Ron Davies has made some signal mistakes as shadow Welsh Secretary: gratuitously insulting the Tory rebel Elizabeth Peacock in the middle of the coal crisis, and leading a childish Commons walk-out in protest at the Englishman William Hague's appointment

lowed the devolution referendum with dignity and is regarded by Blair as an impressive player, particularly on his

impressed Blair in her handling of the Nolan report and Commons reform as shadow Leader of the House. Gavin Strang has an old Labour left pedigree but he has won brownie points for his thoughtfulness and his response to the BSE crisis. Frank Dobson isn't fashionably new Labour, King's Cross rather than Islington man. But

he has a hetter than even

chance of being tested in a cab-

met post. And so on. Beyond that, it is obvious that Jack Straw, and Marjorie Mowlam, modernisers both, will have cabinet posts. So, for all her travails, will Harriet Harman, but perhaps in a dif-ferent portfolio than health. George Robertson, the shadow Scottish Secretary who Blair regards as a high flyer, could be destined for an upwardly mohile UK joh such as defence. So will Chris Smith, hut probably in a post which puts him less at loggerheads with Gordon Brown than his present portfolio of social

security. Indeed, the modest reshuffle expected to follow last night's election results won't be much of a guide to who finally gets

name but two. But he swal- will be a member of the inner "A" team. There are those in the party who think that Dewar should be given a big department, leaving Nick Brown, a close Gordon Brown ally to be Equally, Ann Taylor wasn't a chief whip. But it still looks very success in the education port- much as though Dewar will folio. But she, too, has remain as chief whip, in a broad-ranging role which tears up the ancient taboo by which government chief whips do not speak, in the Commons or on

television. tion of all is a job for John Prescott. He would like an economic overlordship, or even to match Michael Heseltine's role of Deputy Prime Minister. Gordon Brown would surely see off the first notion, and Blair has shown no enthusiasm for the second. Which leaves the prospect of a department or a new portfolio-free role akin to that of the Tory party chairman. It remains the thorniest personnel question Blair has to resoive between now and the general election.

Meanwhile a posse of newly elected shadow cabinet members and junior front-benchers will travel to Templeton College, Oxford today for yet another seminar on preparing for government It will be addressed by Roy Hattersley. who unlike any member of Blair's future administration was a real live member of a Labour Cabinet. It's a reminder of how untested will be the team he appoints if he wins the



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depending on how they conwhat. Donald Dewar is and as Tory Welsh Secretary, to Which casts some doubt on Radio 4 news does the world a disservice

There is only one flaw in John Birt's plan to make the World Service get all its news from a central news service. He has got it the wrong way round. All BBC news should be drawn from the World Service. That's because they have real oews on the World Service and junk food news elsewhere on BBC. You don't believe me? Well, yesterday l solemnly sat down and took notes on the 8am news bulletin, to see just how serious a news service it was. Here are, in brief, the 13 items cov-

ered in 10 minutes. 1. The Prime Minister will announce a training academy to improve British sport. 2. Douglas Hogg makes

another statement about the safety of eating lamb. 3. Amnesty condemns Israeli shelling of UN compound as Jury retires for backpackers' murder trial in Australia.

icism of Railtrack has been watered down in rail safety Clinton says we still don't know why the plane crashed.

5. Labour MPs claim that crit-

7. Shadow Cabinet elections imminent. 8. Swimmer Paul Palmer wins Britain's first Olympic medal. 9. Rugby Union still in disagreement over Five Nations

abandoned child Bournemouth. 11. Princess Diana to have her PR looked after by her own staff after her media adviser. Jane Atkinson, resigns. 12. Jessica Mitford dies: brief

10. Search for mother who

tournament.

Ohituary. 13. Cable companies will have to offer hetter programmes if they are to get bigger share of market, says ITC.

That's it. That was all the news on Radio 4 yesterday at 8am, on the supposedly prestigious Today programme. In all the world, in all the teeming modern exciting world. they were the most interesting bits of news that the mighty Birtian BBC news machine could find. And yet when you look at them closely, most of them are not news at all. The Rugby Union disagreement is not new. Clinton saying that they cannot yet hlame the

plane crash on terrorists is not



Miles Kington

news - it would only be news if they had any clues. Princess Diana's PR arrangements are not of interest to anyone, except perhaps Jane Atkinson's mum and dad. The Bournemouth mother story is a one-day tabloid screamer which deserves no place on Radio 4. The cable TV item is a non-story, perhaps included by the BBC because it suggests cable TV programmes are not as good as the BBC. The shadow cahinet elections and the Railtrack item are not news items, just rumour or speculation about news items.

The only real news items there, honestly, are the Amnesty report on Israel, the PM's promise of a boost for sports training and Jessica

them is exactly what you might call riveting. The rest are parochial, or party politics, or rumour. But then the muchvaunted Today programme is for the most part parochial, speculative and about party politics. The news at 8am had been preceded by an item in which Stephen Dorrell was asked how the disunited Tory Party could keep going, and he said that if you were looking for disunity problems the Labour Party was the place to look, and he kept saying it, and you say to yourself: "For this they dragged in Stephen Dorrell off the street? For this I switched on the much-vaunted Today programme? This they call political debate?"

I cannot get the World Service where I live, so I do not know what news they were putting out at the time. But I do get the International Herald Tribune every day as a sort of World Service substitule, because the Tribung has good world coverage and wonder-fully little British parochial news and none of the Malcolm-Rifkind-in-the-radio-car stuff that passes for news in

Mitford's death, and none of the much-vaunted Today programme. In Tuesday's Tribune the main stories, outside the inevitable Olympics, were about the catastrophic floods in China, the reasons why Japanese surgeons refuse to do organ transplants, the vicious crackdown on crime in China (more than 1,000 people executed since April!), European traffic problems, and a food poisoning panic in Japan which is killing and paralysing enough children to make mad cow disease look puerile. (This finally made the BBC radio news yesterday at 1pm.)

That's a bit more like world news. Certainly the Tribune is streets ahead of the 8am news on the BBC's much-vaunted Today programme. If you doubt this, keep reminding yourself that yesterday Radio news thought that the most important piece of news anywhere in the world was a promise by John Major to give more money to sport. If John Birt's BBC news service thinks that's a lead global news item, then the sooner he hands all news over to the World Service the better.

IN DANGO

We need more wonkers in the Opposition Paddy Ashdown, one of the few politicians prepared to think in public, could use some company

thinking is not favoured by shrewd politicians. It gets in the way of their important activity, the getting and holding of power. Intellectual endeavour is a politician's form of self-abuse. Get politician's form of self-abuse. Get that habit, and you will go hlind to the realities. Wonk away and one day you will wake up and find your-self "interesting", Westminster's euphemism for being a powerless

David Willetts, the bespectacled chief beneficiary of John Major's reshuffle, appears to buck the trend. But his reputation as a chap who thinks – and dammit, writes as well – will have to be shed if he is going to rise to the top. He will have to become bluffer - more of a bruiser. Meanwhile, the conventional Westminster view of thinking has, on the face of it, been amply confirmed by the ludicrous tale of the leaked Treasury memo.

How everyone involved must wish those thoughts on the future of the welfare state. Whitehall and public spending had never been thunk! Leaked to the Labour Party, which leaked them to the press, theo

rebounding on their authors, and on Kenneth Clarke, and on Gordon Brown, they bounded across the political scene like a rogue firecracker, burning anyone who came

Many politicians will have concluded that radical changes to the British consensus should be cooked up in deep privacy, then sprung on Parliament with the benefit of a safe working majority; or, more often, that they should be simply avoided. We do not seem to be a country that can distinguish hetween policy options and hard proposals; here, the unthinkable must be laboriously and endlessly unthought.

Yet, unless we are happy with our lot as a country, radical thinking about our future is necessary. At the moment, it is coming almost exclusively from the right. This agenda is reactionary in the true sense; it proposes turning things hack, removing recently acquired powers from the EU and restoring a centralist, all-powerful system of British ministers.

It is a vivid vision and, today, almost the only game in town. It is taking the Conservative Party hy storm and, as things stand, will be the post-1997 Tory manifesto. But we need an answering vision that acknowledges the power of the global economy without giving up on the old priorities of the centreleft. And, in this pre-electoral period, when Brown the thinker denounces thinkers, it is somehow not surprising that among the few politicians prepared to go public is Paddy Ashdown. Free of the burden of being expected to win power, the Liberal Democrat leader has become the unguarded voice of

opposition politics.

He can afford to be interesting, say Labourites surlily. Well, yes, hut he is being more radical and aggressive than the main opposition party on political reform; onw he is moving into Labour's traditional core area, the economy. Ashdown's arguis simple. He takes as his starting gap: "Britaio's share of world serment, set out in a speech last week,



The Tory vision is vivid and almost the only game in town

point the current political fatalism on unemployment He notes that British manufacturing is likely to be a declining source of employment and attacks

the idea that the service sector will

provide enough jobs to fill the

understood for some time - that most work is mohile and most jobs can be performed anywhere in the

In service sector terms, that may be an overstatement. Many service jobs are not mobile. London cabbies cannot base themselves in Sri Lanka; The *Independent* could not be produced from Berlin; British highstreet hanks cannot squat anywhere other than British high streets. But Ashdown's basic argument is right and timely: back-of-house jobs in banking are being exported to poorer countries, while US credit card companies and German supermarkets are heginning to make

As a result, he argues, we have two different British economies. One is working in the global market, with employees struggling to inno-vate and compete. The other econ-

vices has actually been in decline since the 1960s ... Service industries are beginning to discover what manufacturing industry has insecure highly skilled and well insecure highly skilled and well economy, where jobs are flexible, insecure, highly skilled and well paid; and a "community-value" economy, including the voluntary sector, whose jobs can be described

by reversing the above list.
His policy answer is to use the profits of the competitive economy to pay for the social or community economy. But how? Ashdown talks reasonably about the oeed to think of the two economies differently and offers general policy suggestions, including making the privatised util-ities mutual companies in order to enforce a wider range of require-ments on them, and the introduction

His analysis is compelling – hard-headed, not woolly – but the policy is not there yet. He has not, for instance, addressed the central issue of home offermally religious. of "citizen's service". of how effectively politicians, representing the interests of the social economy, can tax the competitive

economy which is moving in a dif-ferent world, and is made up of companies that are becoming mobile and ever-harder to "catch". As part of the world economy, Britain is competing with other countries, bidding down corporation tax rates and so on, in order to win investment. But as a social economy, it desperately needs to milk

those corporations.

That is one of the great dilemmas of modern government, and it goes far beyond Britain. Here, it needs Labour, as well as Lib-Dem, think-Labour, as well as Lio-Dem, timiking that is at least as provocative as the leaked Treasury paper. It is the proper job of the Opposition to pursue its agenda deep into the touchy areas of tax, welfare and the role of

the state. So we should hope that Gordon Brown has his own secret paper on Britain in the early 2000s which, if leaked, would confront him with the same kind of synthetic outrage that Kenneth Clarke faced last week. But we should rather doubt it: thanks partly to Mr Brown himself, these have not been happy days for the wonkers.

This sporting lifestyle

ohn Major's latest wheeze – a "revolu-tionary" British Academy of Sport combined with a network of sports colleges - is intended to produce a new generation of win-ning British athletes. Either this is another example of his characteristically lousy timing or he is spot on. We are, after all, in the middle of an Olympics that seems to feature an alarmingly large crop of chirpily heroic British losers. Perhaps that is precisely why we need a oew sports initiative or, perhaps, it will simply make us ask: why bother? Leave the superhuman stuff to the American, the Chinese or even the Irish; we'll just turn up to moan about the buses.

Bot, of course, none of us, the Prime Minister included, can seriously hope to ignore the sports cult that has taken over the world. Political causes are dead, religion on the wane, even getting richer lacks any kind of spiritual depth. But sport and fitness seem, more than ever, to provide an absolute that crosses all cultural

simple spectacle of someboo runniog or swimming faster than anybody else. You can't deny that those honed, perfect hodies represent one instantly recognisable, universally acceptable form of human perfectioo.

Indeed, in a bewilderingly plural world, in which all values are relativised, they begin to represent the only such form. In every other field of human activity, excuses can he made. You don't get on in your career because you have been unfairly treated, or your genius is not recognised hecause the system is rigged against you. Losing athletes may attempt similar excuses; hut, in reality, the



other guy going faster, higher or longer is too final, too clear a judgment to be relativised by

That is ooc reason why everybody takes drugs in sport so seriously. You might argue that chemically driving the human body to even greater heights represents a more exalted form of absolute. Medical technology might reasooahly be seen as part of the whole ingenious mix of training and preparation. Why not see what the doctors can bring to the party? Why not have an all-druggy Olympics?

But, in fact, drugs drag the whole thing back down to the

old excuse-laden, relativised marketplace. We don't like sporting drugs because we can't see them. Some hidden cock-You can't argue with the tail is driving these limbs, not y the determination and fitness on clear display. Sport is reduced to a technological arms race like any other. Winning becomes ambiguous, as in Formula One motor racing - is it Damon Hill or the Williams car we applaud? Drugging an athlete makes him into a vehicle, a dualism of chemicals and body, when what we really want from sport is the simple, visible monism of human beings stretched to their phys-

ical limits. And we seem to want it now more than ever. The worship of the idea of fitness hecame hig husiness in the Eighties. Health, physical and spiritual, became identified with specific

The fitness cult has taken over the world and John Major wants to be a winner. But physical

perfection is a dangerous absolute

the training shoe, the tracksuit. Even Oasis, pop stars behaving badly, have helped to sell sportswear. Without them Adidas would be just another sports label, not an essectial teen accessory. The company's three stripes, like the Christian cross, appear in contexts remote from hat still depeodent on their original, tran-scendent meaning. The stripes

worn even when oot exercising

Everyone, whether they admit it or not, wants a

better body

refer to salvation thro body, the cross through the

So bodily perfection has become an ultimate state beyond cultural or material argument. You can quibble about whether you want more mooey, more art or more fun, but everybody, whether they admit it or not, wants a better body. Teenagers, given the chance, rebel against everything except sport. On televi-sion Gladiators captures this by placing real, super-cultivated bodies into a context derived from computer games. The per-

formers told me that when they

meet their youngest fans, the

first thing the children do is reach out and touch them to rituals – the gym, the jog – and with specific elothes that were reassure themselves that such iron perfection is real.

Whole nations, which usually compete over conflicting views of economics or ideology, feel obliged to confront each other bodily. Those Chinese gymnasts are expressions not just of an individual, concentrated asceticism, but also of the convictioo of the ancient imperial Middle Kingdom that it alone possesses the key to all human perfection.

In America sport is eveo more intensely cherished. On the one hand, there is the world of the super-rich gods such as Michael Jordan, hut, on the other, there is the world of the high school game. This world simple, innocent, direct - is now being carefully resurrected by a people anxious to recapture the older, gentler America that preceded Vietnam and

urban decay. In the movies the best thing that can happen to an American dad - like Steve Martin in Purenthood - is that his underachieving soo can make a heroic catch in haseball. And the supreme image of familial stability is the basketball oet in the yard. This is not just a lowbrow of us if we want to die as well phenomenon – John Updike's as Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom.

miraculous four-novel chronicle of modern America ends with its of modern America ends with its hero, Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, dying of a massive heart attack while reaching to sink one final basket - "Up Harry goes, way up towards the torn clouds."

Can we, even after the Prime Minister's initiative, hope to compete with this? In sport, we neither have the Chinese imperial conviction, oor do we have that fierce American cultural desperation. Instead our triumphs tend to come from islands of individual eccentricity – such as those rowers with their weeping cox in Barcelona. We may feel that such victories spring from some gritty, specifically British character. But we never feel they are organic products of our system. If any-thing we feel they happen in spite of our system.

But, thanks to the National Lottery and John Major, a sports system is what we are going to get. It might work. But we shouldn't worry too much if it doesn't. Sport is, after all, an illusory and even dangerous absolute. Soul matters more than body and the last time an ideal of physical perfection was so worshipped the world had to go to war and six millions Jews had to die.

The Americans w high school games are right. They want sport to exist as a reinforcement of small town values, peace and security; they want it to be part of, not the whole of, a culture. For the truth is that more subtle and complex absolutes are required of us if we want to die as well

without being judged a public THURSDAY DIARY Pensioners, pets and pubs they're the essence of the Silly Season. You can But where, pray, is the third strand in this seasonal braidtell it's arrived when the air is suddenly thick with stories the pub stories, the tales of about eccentrie goings-on erotic linisons and heat-crazed involving OAPs, domestic crearough-houses among the heer-

tures and alcohol-retailing

hostelries. You need merely to

sit in your garden hammock

In a Brighton nursing home,

man with a hint of petulance.

And the pet stories? Well,

there's the one about the "cat

virus", in which scientists at the

Robert Koch Institute of Berlin

have warned that your loving

moggy can give you something called Borna Disease, which

provokes manic depression and

obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Any dog stories? Yes, indeed,

there was the po-faced ruling,

at London's noble High Courts

of Justice, that two rottwellers

baring their slavering jaws and

barking ferociously at people

over a fence are "entitled" to put the willies up passers-by

mat-flicking classes? I was wondering about this lacuna on Sunday, when I went and they come by, soooer or later. Ah, here they come now. for a few sherberts with a friend at the Crown and Greybound in my native Dulwich. It was a boiling moonlit night, so we sat in the pub's agreeable garden, crammed in with other

three stricken pensioners have gone down with heat stroke and been treated by emergency medical staff – because they drinkers. refused to take off their cardi-Raucous laughter rose and fell. Blissed-out Phoenix Festigans; the spirit of the Long Room at Lords lives on in the val types talked equinoctial twilight zone of East Sussex. bliss, lithe young women in Elsewhere, one notes that the cutaway T-shirts sipped at spritzers - and just beside us, ageing stalwarts of the Bleach Green Veterans' Club Bowls' four completely silent people in Squad in Gateshead, Tyne and their mid-20s sat around a Wear, have decided to ban one plastic table. It was, in fact, the Lego bricks table, where under-age visitors to the pub are encouraged to play while their John Sparks who, although he is blind, managed to trounce the club's 84-year-old presi-dent at a tournament. "Sighted parents are boozing; but, havplayers can't play in partially sighted competitions so why should he be allowed to play in ing found a seat there, the ours?" demanded one sportsIt's time to take off

quartet was busily sticking Lego bricks together in complicated architectural structures, tongues extended in rapt

After we'd been there for 20 minutes, a fracas broke out in the courtyard. A fat sporty chap started banging people on the head with a metal beer tray - first his friends, then himself,



Calling all Lego-ists: the Silly Season is with us

the actor Bill Pullman. Mr Pull-Hillary and him. Clinton sat Pullman, his on-

your cardies, dears, but please watch out for the cat ...

then total strangers. It began to look ugly. The atmosphere tightened. Then someone beside me

shouted, "Do you mind? There's people over here trying to build a plastic church..."
For a second, the tray-wielder and the Lego enthusiast regarded each other with, I could swear, a flicker of humour. The Silly Season had finally arrived, right there in my own backyard.

A seasonal skittishness appears also to have descended on President Clinton. Viewers of the opening ceremony at the Olympics will have watched with a faint nausea as the boss of the Free World went through his repertoire of Oh-boy and Gee-what-a-guy gestures and muggings at the parade of distinguished athletes before him. You'd almost think he had taken up acting....

More worrying is the story heard by American viewers of the David Letterman chatshow, during an interview with

man stars in the blockbusting movie Independence Day as President Thomas Whitmore, commander-in-chief of the armed forces ranged against the invading aliens. Pullman revealed that the Prez laid on a special screening at the White House and invited several members of the cast to watch it with

screen opposite number, down beside him, offered him bags of popcorn and seemed to enjoy the film. "But I think at some points he was kinda wondering," said Pullman to Letterman, "if I was a former president or something. After the movie, he took me into his inner office and showed me around and kept saying, Bill, you'll be interested in this as a President...." "I think," com-mented Letterman tartly, "that's part of our problem."

What is it about Mr Major that he never gets metaphors quite right? Much as he may strive for le cliché juste at moments of rhetorical endeavour, he tends to miss by a fraction. Remember the barmy squad in his Cabinet, about whom he asked, "How many apples short of a picnic?" thus nicely conflating "How many apples short of a bar-rel?" and "How many sandwiches short of a picnic?"

Yesterday, he could be heard ontlining his sport-for-all plans, by saying "What I'd like to provide is a ladder of sporting opportunity for young people..." A ladder, eh? What happened to that yuppie ideal, the "window of opportunity"? Unless, of course, the ladder of opportunity leads up to the

window of opportunity, through which can be glimpsed the four-poster bed of achievement, under which the chamberpot of redundancy burks unseen. But this is all getting too Humphrey Lyttleton ("And as the Andrex puppy of Time scampers across the dual carriageway of Eternity...") to be true.

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Jessica Mitford, the writer and campaigner, lived for most of her life in Oakland, California. among lawyers, academics and left-wing activists, without ever losing the voice and attributes of her eccentric hut privileged English upbringing Displays of emotion were discouraged, as was undue attention to the sadnesses of life, or indeed death, known to her as the

It was entirely characteristic of her and of the tone of many of her relationships that when in 1980 Philip Toynbee, one of her oldest friends, wrote to inform her that he had been asked to prepare her obituary her response to his request for information was crisp. "Goodpess you've a nerve," she wrote. "In other words I should write the obit and you collect the fee whilst retaining what Film Folk call creative control over the content?" It was even more characteristic that when she sent him a list of her books she invented one in order, as she put it, "to test your ability as researcher obit-writer".

Her love of such tricks sprang, like her distaste for sentimentality, from her childhood. She was never much interested in nature or the countryside, but she was born in 1917 in one of the loveliest tandscapes in England at Asthali Manor, a handsome Jacobean house near Burford on the edge of the Cotswolds. Jessica Lucy Mitford, always know to friends and family as Decca or Dec, was the penulti-mate child and fifth of the six daughters and one son - all strikingly good-looking and strong wilted - born to the sec-ond Lord Redesdale and his wife Sydney. Her father built a larger and uglier house nearby at Šwinbrook, where Jessica along with Nancy, Pam, Tom. Diana, Unity and Deborah played her own provocative observant part in the teases and rituals that have, as a result of her own and her sisters' writings. anecdotes and behaviour over 50 years, become a minor legend.

Her eidest sister Nancy wrote the first lightly fictionalised account of the Mitford family in The Pursuit of Love, an instant success when it was published in 1945: Decca enhanced the legend with her first book, Hons and Rebels, in 1960. Her account of life at Swinbrook was full of jokes but painted a less sunny picture than did Nancy's; and they could never agree on the derivation of the famous Hons' Cupboard, where the children used to gather and plot. Nancy's version is that as they were all Honourables, being the children of a peer, they knew each other as the Hons: Decca, not being keen on class honorifics, states firmly that Hon was another word for Hen, as they were devoted at the time to a family of chickens.

During the 1930s the nursery games and the politics of the schoolroom became serious, as Jessica found herself repelled by her sister Unity's addiction to Nazi ideas and increasingly drawn herself to the socialist cause. Whether they really did compete in decorating their rooms with posters and portraits of Hitler and Stalin hardly matters: what is incontrovertible is that by the time she was 18 Jessica had found the hasis for the political and social beliefs that were to shape her life and was planning to run away to put

them into practice. In 1937 she made headlines by eloping to Spain with Esmond Romilly, a nephew of Winston Churchill's and another adolescent rebel from the ranks of the upper classes, who had joined the International Brigade 10 fight against Franco, Neither her family's pursuit nor high-level diplomatic intervention had any effect and they were married by the British Consul in Bayonne. When they returned to England they went to live in the East End of London, not then a fashionable area, where they joined the Bermondsey Branch of the Labour Party. They had a daughter. Julia, who caught measles and died at the age of four months.

By the time the Second World War began in 1939 a huge



Mittord: comic, irreverent, a brilliantly effective critic of her adopted society

her family. Her sister Unity was a passionate admirer of Adolf Hitler and a frequent visitor to Nazi Germany, as was her sis-ter Diana, who had married the British Fascist leader Oswald Mosley in 1936. Her brother Tom - who was to be killed in 1945 in Burma - was also a Fascist sympathiser, as were both her parents.

Like many left-wingers, the young Romillys at first saw the looming war between England and Germany as irrelevant to the revolutionary struggle and early in 1939 they left for America. The outbreak of war found them confused by the Nazi-Soviet pact, but Germany's attack

their new baby daughter Constancia, nicknamed Dinky, with friends in Virginia, Esmood joined the Canadian Air Force and left for England. He was killed in action in November

After Esmond's death Decca moved to Washington where she found a joh with the Office of Price Administration and met the man who became her second hushand in 1943, a Harvard-educated lawyer of Hungarian-Jewish extraction, Robert Treuhaft. They shared political opinions, a delight in subversive activities of all kinds and liked the same jokes; they guilf separated Decca's views on Russia in 1941, Decca later made a perfect, if at first un-and way of life from the rest of wrote, "changed everything likely, team. After the war they

overnight". Leaving her and settled in Oakland, close to San Francisco and the Berkeley campus, where Treuhaft's legal practice specialised in labour and racial cases that establishment law firms preferred to avoid. They had two sons: Nicholas, born in 1944, and Benjamin, born in 1947. Again Decca had to endure the death of a child in 1955 when Nicholas was killed in a traffic accident. She preferred never to speak of

> The Treubafts had both joined the Communist Party during the war, and Decca soon began to do her bit at meetings and study groups. She became particularly active in the growing Civil Rights movement, to which her commitment was to-

tal. Her account of her political activities is given in her second autobiographical book, A Fine Old Conflict (1977); comic, irreverent and only slightly ingentious, it shows how her adherence to the party line was always moderated by her natural individualism and anarchic

vestigation into current L (or Left-

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distaste for jargon. In 1956, in the wake of Nancy Mitford's invention of U and Non-U language, Decca produced a pamphlet entitled Lifeitselfmanship, or how to become a precisely-because man: an in-

streak as well as her instinctive

wing Usage).

But for all her capacity to mock the comrades, Decca

til she and Bob decided to leave it in 1958, and she showed great moral courage in standing up for her beliefs both during the McCarthy period and during the ugly Civil Rights battles of the 1950s and 1960s. She would admit later that the Party had made mistakes, but nothing would ever make her apologise for it. "I can hardly imagine," she wrote. "living in America in those days and not being a Party member. Recently, it appeared that the collapse of the Soviet Union caused her neither rejoicing

nor regret. After the success of Hons and Rebels, Decca, with Bob Treuhaft's crucial help and support. turned herself into an accomplished and best-selling professional writer. Her second and perhaps her best book was the macabre and hilarious exposé of the funeral racket, The American Way of Death (1963), which established her as a brilliantly effective critic of her adopted society. Thereafter she wrote The Trial of Dr Spock (1969), Kind and Usual Punishment (1974), The American Prison Business (1975), Poison Prison business (1979), Faces of muckraking (1979), Faces of Philip: a memoir of Philip Toynbee (1984), Grace Had un English Heart: the story of Grace Darling (1988) and The Ameri-can Win of Birth (1992). She became a hugely popular lecturer to American student audiences, who were fascinated by her unique hlend of imperious Mitford charm, fierce radicalism and mannered English voice: she was also increasingly in demand for television programmes, where her strong performing streak came into its

From the late 1950s she was able to return on frequent visits to England, usually huilt around and subsidised by a project. No one was better suit-ed or more delightfully ruthless than Decca at finding a freebie, a lift, some research help; but if she could be a demanding friend she was always a gener-ous and stimulating one. She renewed affectionate if sparring worked hard for the party un- contact with all her surviving sisters (Unity shot herself in 1939 and died in 1947) except Diana Mosley: the implacable streak in Decca's nature revealed itself when in answer to an offer from Lady Mosley to entertain her teenage son Benjy on a trip to France she responded that she thought not: she did not want him turned into a lampshade.

On regular visits to London she would gather her Old Left cronies, mix them with younger friends and relations most, but not all, of various shades of pink, and regale them with lethal Martinis and Bob's special Boston baked beans before visiting her sister Deborah, the Duchess of Devonshire, at Chatsworth for the weekend. She was a constant letter-writer and faxer and craved news and gossip. "I long to know all - do

tell" was a frequent cry. Decca enjoyed nothing more than to launch into a song or two after dinner, usually a medley of left-wing ballads and 1930s favourites. Not long ago her great friend Maya Angelou flew into London on Concorde for the day to attend a Decap party where the two of them put on a memorable performance of "Right Said Fred".

Last year her friends received a tape, with a childhood snap of a scowling Decca on the front, from Don't Quit Your Day Job Records of San Francisco, containing Decca and the Dectones' version of "Maxwell's Silver Hammer and "Grace Darling" (trad.).

Decca Mitford made few concessions to age or weakness. Refusing to admit that her uncharacteristic frailty and various aches and pains were serious. she was at work until shortly before she died on her latest project, a new edition of The American Way of Death.

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Anne Chisholm Jessica Lucy Muford, writer and campaigner born Burford. Oxfordshire 11 September 1917; married 1937 Esmond Romilly (died 1941; one daughter and one daughter deceased), 1943 Robert Treuhaft (one son, and one son deceased); died Oakland. California 23 July 1996.

James Tye

James Tve. Director-General of the British Safety Council since 1968, was not only a leading authority on accident prevention. hut probably Britain's bestknown, most articulate and

fearless safety champion. He was a charismatic character, bow-tied, perky and totally unimoressed by authority. If the Queen was photographed riding a horse without a safety hat, then Her Majesty duly received a much-publicised thwack from his tongue. He chided the Princess Royal for allowing her son Peter to sit on the front passenger seat of a car without a seat-belt, and the Prince of Wales for letting Prince Harry sit behind the steering wheel of his Land Rover whilst driving through his Sandringham estate.

Similarly, if industrialists or politicians however mighty did not give proper attention to the safety of those in their charge or care, woe betide them if Jimmy Tye discovered their failings. To him, lack of due care for the health and safety of others was not merely a crime in law but an offence against good management and common decency. Tive campaigned against un-

product liability, safety training. life jackets, flammable nightwear and vehicle recall procedures. His report on seat-belts was a powerful influence towards change in the law and massive saving of life on the roads. It was no surprise that in 1987 he was named World Safety Person of the Year by the World Safety Organisation, and last year became one of the first Europeans included in the American Safety and Health Hall of

> British Safety Council was an honour well earned. Ralph Nader, World Safety Consumer Advocate, pleaded with him for years to start a United States hranch of the British Safety Council. "James and his team," said Nader, "do exactly what the USA National Safety Council should do, but

safe working practices, paving the way to the Health and Safe-ty at Work Act, 1974. He served prised that safety men from all Skilful Driving (1952) and the inon 12 government committees. over the world come to him for compiled reports on everything retraining.

Tye was born in London in sp. Code (with Uffa Fox, 1961).

1921. Educated at Upper No area of safety escaped his from safety at work and on the roads, in fairgrounds and on holidays, through to first aid, Homsey LCC School, he served in the RAF from 1940 to 1946 risk management, ashestos, before becoming an advertising ageni and contractor. He was then managing director of Sky Press Ltd and Safety Publications Ltd between 1920 and

His professional interests were phenomenal. He was Chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management; a Fellow of the Institute of Directors and of the Royal Society of Arts; Honorary Vice-President of the Institute Fame International. Tve recognised the value of awards to othof Occupational Safety and ers. To receive one from the Health; a Member of the American Society of Safety Engineers and of the American Safety Management Society; Vice-President of the Jamaica Safety Council; and a Fellow of

the Institute of Accident Prevention, Zamhia. He wrote many books and handbooks, from Communicating the Safety Message to the

cial investigator, 1887; Nathaniel

merset Maugham, 1955; Douglas

Stuart Moore, composer, 1969; Leroy

Robertson, composer, 1971; Louis

vaded by the United States, 1898;

Louis Bleriot made the first Chan-

Western Union came into force,

1948; Puerto Rico became a self-gov-

Today is the Feast Day of St Christo-

pher, St James the Greater, St Mag-

neticus and Saints Thea, Valentina

National Gallery: James Heard,

"Summer Loving (iv): Molenaer, A Young Man playing a Theorbo and a

Young Woman playing a Cittern'

Victoria and Albert Museum: An-

drew Bolton, "Depictions of Dress in Chinese Art", 2.30pm.

British Museum: Philip Artwood, "Commemorating the 19th Century.

the medals of the Wyon family"

National Portrait Gallery: John

Cooper, "Portraits of Queeo Anne

and Her Contemporaries", 1,100m.

and Paul

t.15pm

Lectures

Product Liability (1979); from Skilful Driving (1952) and the In-dustrial Safety Digest (1953) to-the International Nautical Safe-

lively attention. As Allan St John Holt. Chairman of the International Committee of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, said: "James Tre is the sort of man who will throw himself off a cross-Channel ferry to demonstrate the poor design of the life vests then in place, resulting in a

change in government policy."

Tye shrugged off attacks by his critics and opponents claiming that he was simply an m-veterate self-publicist. Through his own work as a pro-safety pressure group, he put a permanent and powerful spotlight on to the need for safety, and on histant examples of its absence. He knew the power of advertising for a crucial cause, and over the 35 years he served and ran the British Safety Council, he earned the admiration and affection even of most of his

It is the British Safety Council which will be his memorial.



Under his leadership, the council has become one of the most influential Occupational Health and Safety Organisation in Eu-rope. He built it. He used it as a platform for his unceasing safety campaigns. He was a colourful, lovable and ubiquitous man, always popping up at conferences, taking copious notes, generous in his praise and acute in his criticism.

Greville Janner James Tye, advertising agent and safety manager: born London 21 December 1921; Executive Director, British Safety Council 1962-68, Director-General 1968-96; married 1950 Rosalie Hooker (one son, one daughter); dicd London 21 July 1996.

Vermont Royster

Vermont Connecticut Royster, who was born in North Carolina and lived most of his life in New York, was one of the most distinguished and unflagging journalists produced in America this century.

He began his career as a reporter with the Wall Street Journal in 1936 and ended it, with the same newspaper, in 1986. During that period the Journal's circulation increased from 35,000 to near 2 million. The years when he was its editor. from 1958 to 1971, saw

spectacularly rapid growth. Those who survive him at the fournal remember him best for a column he wrote during the last 15 years of his professional life under the title "Thinking

Things Over". A student in his youth of Latin and Greek, unfailingly right-wing but never shrill, Royster wrote in the ponderous, sententious cadences of the Victorian school, Today much of his writing would he considered stuffy and a shade

politically improper. to wife a secretary in the State memorable line about how

Department." Upon having his pocket picked, he observed: "If some of the economic theories hruited about today are correct, it could be argued that the nation's economy had been helped thereby."

Gentle in tone, rigorous in thought, he would range in his columns beyond the issues of the day to examinations of evil and man's relationship with God. On "The Legacy of Luther", he opined: "Once a man could assert he could think for himself about God, there was no way thereafter to silence other

minds with other questions." His writings won him two Pulitzer prizes, in 1953 and in 1984. in 1986 President Reagan awarded him the closest equivalent America has to a knighthood, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Royster, the president said, had a common sense that "exploded the pretensions of 'expert opinion', and his compelling eloquence warned of the

evils of a society loosed from its moorings of faith". "Philosophically," the Wall "The smartest thing I did as a preciation on Tuesday, the way preciation on Tuesday, the way one of his columns, was to take an optimistic pessimist, as in his



comforting it was that 'the Dark Ages lasted only 500 years'." In person he was a gentle conversationalist, patient with his colleagues, ever willing to help. To his teaching talent, like the grace of his prose, succeeding editors can only aspire." the Journal wrote. "His nearly 40 years of commentary established standards and traditions from which his successors profit daily."

John Carlin Vermont Connecticut Royster, journalist: born Raleigh, North Corolina 30 April 1914; Editor, Watt Street Journal 1958-71: married 1937 Frances Claypole (two daughters); died Raleigh, North Carolina 22 July 1996.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

CORNER: Dr John, CBE. Died peace-fully on 22 July 1996. Dearly beloved hostend of Kathleen and lather of Richard and Ruth. Private family

SNELL: Samuel David, 21 July 1996, Church, Monday 29 July at 1.45pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to either Oxfam, Marie Curie Nursers es or Amnesty International c/o F. H. Willicombe & Son, Williton TA4

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PERTWEE: A memorial service is to be held on I August, at L2pm, at St Paul's, Covent Garden, to celebrate the life and times of Joo Pertwee.

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Queen and The Duku of Edinburgh give a Carden Parry at Buckinghum Palate. The Duke of Edinburgh give a Carden Parry at Buckinghum Palate. The Duke of Edinburgh Honorary Life Member and Part President, Maryichome Crichet Club, attends the England versus Palatean Test Match at Lord's Ground. London NWS; a President, World Wing-Fund for Namura, part of WWF International, house a direct at Buckingham Palace.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Registers to outsit the Queen's Life Guard at Horis Guarda, Hain: 1st Restation Irish Quarts mounts the Queen's Guard, at Rockingham Paleoc, 11 20cm, band provided by the Coldstream Guards.

Birthdays Mr Gordoo Bayley, former director, National Provident Institution, 76; Sir Clifford Boulton, former Clerk of the House of Commons, 65; Mr Clive Bradley, chief executive, Publishers Association, 62; Mr James Butler, sculptor, 65; Sir William Coats, former chairman, Coats Patons, 72: Lady Stephen St Laurent, statesman, 1973. On this day: Mary 1 of England was Goodhart, Principal, Queen's College. London, 57; Sir Charles Gordon, former Clerk of the House of married to Philip of Spain at Win-chester, 1554; Puerto Rico was in-Commons, 78; Sir Kenneth Macdonald, diplomat, 66; Mr David Madden, High Commissioner to Cyprus, 50; Mr David Morris, chairnet crossing by aircraft, 1909; Mussolini was forced to resign in ttaly, man, Northern Electric, 62; Profes-1943; bread rationing ended in Britain, 1948; the Brussels Treaty on sor William Niblett, educationist, 90; Sir Derek Palmar, vice-president, Brewers's Society, 77; Professor Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, 59; Mr Brian Robson, former civil servant, erning commonwealth of the US, 1952; the European Steel and Coal Community came into being, 1952; Hovercraft SR-N1 made its first 70: The Right Rev Barry Rogerson, Bishop of Brislot, 60; Miss Annie Channel crossing in less than two hours, 1959; the first test-tube baby was born, Oldham, Lancashire 1978.

Anniversaries Births: Thomas Eakins, sculptor, portrait and figure painter. (844; Arthur James Balfour, first Earl Balfour, statesman, 1848; Elizabeth, Queen of the Belgians, 1876; Walter Brennan, actor, 1894. Deaths: Flavius Valerius Constantius, Roman emperor, 306; Pope Innocent VIII, 1492; Ferdinand I, Holy Roman em-peror, 1564; André-Marie de Chenier. poet, executed 1794; Charles Dibdin, composer, playwright, singer, actor and manager, 1814: John Emery, painter and actor, 1822: William Sharp, line engraver, 1834; Samuel Taylor Coleridge, poet, 1834; Charles Macintosh, waterproof cothing inventor, 1843; Dr James Barry, retired army surgeon, found on death to be a woman 1865; Henry

Maybew, a founder of Punch and so-

("Nat") Gould, racing novelist, 1919; Engelbert Dollfuss, statesman, as-Lord Mayor of Westminster sassinated 1934; Syrie Gwendoline Maud Barnardo Maugham, interior decorator and former wife of W.

Dinners

Mr Robert Davis, Lord Mayor of Westminster, and Miss Carole Franco, Lady Mayoress, were hosts at a dinner at Westminster Council House, Loodoo SWI, yesterday evening in honour of Professor Sir David Williams QC Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge Uni versity, and Lady Williams.

Institute of Mathematics The following have been elected to Fellowship of the Institute of Mathematics and granted Chartered Mathematician status:

Mothernatician status:

Mr 1.A. Barnes; Mr 1.H. Burnes; Mrs S.D. Beales; Dr W. Benniling, Dr A.P. Burnow; Or R.C. Chreers Mr H.S. Crowther, Dr O. Diettrich; Ms O.M. Harward; Dr B.G. Heydecker; Mrs E.A. Gray, Dr O.J. Herwood; Mr R.P. Hurney; Dr R. Hughes Janes; Dr J. Lam; Dr P.J. Larcombe; Or D.A. Lawson: Mr C.L. Leighton; Dr E.H. Li; Dr K.O. Mood; Dr D.E. Mikulskis; Dr M.A. Nyman; Mr A. Oshaldaton; Dr D.F. Hurcy; Dr J.E.I. Pittman; Mr A.M. Pull; Professor P.D. Roberts; Dr P.Y.A. Ryan; Dr R.A. Scarf; Or A.K. Seda, Mr S. Sherman; Dr R.S. Spurgere: Dr E.V. StareGold; Dr A.F. Steward; Dr J.S. Wadsworth; Professor L.C. Wrochel.

Inner Temple

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of Imer Temfessor Su Frederick Crawford; Mrs Rath Sch, Professor fan Kennedy, Capa Patrick chan RN.

Appointments

Mrs Alison Mary Lewzey, to be a fulltime chairman of Industiral Tribunals, assigned to the London North Region.

Mr Charles Richard Dawson, to be a district judge, assigned to the Wales and Chester Circuit.

Foster parent can appeal over school needs

Queen's Beach Division (Mr Justice Laws) 16 July 1996 A foster parent, with whom a

child had been placed by the local authority exercising parental responsibility, was a "parent" for the purposes of section 169 of the Education Act 1993 so as to enable her to appeal against the authority's refusal, as the local educational authority, to make a statement of the child's special educational needs.

Mr Justice Laws ruled in favour of the appellant, a foster parent employed by Humberside County Council, on a preliminary issue in relation to her appeal against a decision of the Special Educational Needs Tribunal on 26 April 1995. Paul Greany (Langleys, York) for the appellant; Roger McCarthy QC (County Solicitor) for the council.

Mr Justice Laws said the child, D, born in April 1988, had been placed with the appellant by the council, in whose favour a care order in relation to D had been made under section 31 of the Children Act 1989. The appellant had looked after him

since December 1989. Unfortunately D suffered from defective vision, learning difficulties and communication problems. But after car-

LAW REPORT

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rying out an assessment and obtaining experts' reports, the standi. council decided not to make a statutory statement of D's spe-

November 1994. The appellant appealed to the tribunal under section 169(2) of the 1993 Act, by which: "In such a case, the child's parent may appeal to the

section 168 of the Education

Act 1993. That decision was

confirmed in a letter dated 25

tribunal against the decision." The tribunal held that D had special educational needs hut they could be sufficiently provided for at his present school. It dismissed the appeal and the appellant appealed to the High Court under the Tribunals and

Inquiries Act 1992. The council now suhmitted that the appellant had had no legal right to appeal to the trihunal because she was not a "parent" as defined for the nurposes of the Education Act 1993. She therefore had no right to appeal to the High Court either, since such an appeal might only be brought, under section 11(1) of the Trihunals and Inquiries Act, by a "party" to the tribunal proceedings, and a "party" must

mean one having proper locus The definition of "parent" had come into the Education Act 1993 by a somewhat cir-cuitous route. Section 114(1D) cial educational needs under

of the Education Act 1944, as inserted by paragraph 10 of Schedule 13 to the Children Act 1989, provided: in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, "parent" in relation to a child

or young person, includes any person (a) who is not a parent of his but who has parental responsibility for him, or (h) who has care of him... That definition was incorporated into the Education Act 1993 by section 305(3), which provided that the 1993 Act

was to construed as one with the 1944 Act. It was accepted for the council that the appellant plainly had care of D. But it was argued that the words "unless the context otherwise requires" meant that where there existed a person, be it the local authority or a natural parent, who was actively exercising parental responsibility, it was inapproprialc for section 114(1D) to

apply to some other person, such as a foster parent, who simply had care of the child. In his Lordship's judgment the expression "unless the con-

text otherwise requires" naturally referred to a statutory context in which the word "parent" appeared: if the terms of any provision containing the word 'parent" were such that, as a matter of language and general sense, the word must bear a meaning different from that prescribed in section 114(1D). then pro tanto the statutory

definition was disapplied. In the context of section 169 of the 1993 Act, while it was obviously not intended to apply to a nanny or bahy-sitter, the definition must apply to someone involved in the full time care of the child on a settled basis.

As regards a local authority having parental responsibility. it was by no means obvious, that where the authority disagreed with the foster parent about a matter touching the child's education, it was undesirable for the foster parent to be allowed to test the issue before the tribunal. Otherwise, the only proper appellant to the tribunal would be the authority itself, against its own

decision. For these and other reasons, his Lordship concluded that the appellant was indeed a "parent" enjoying the right of

appeal to the tribunal. Paul Magratin, Barrister **Economic View: Worries over Internet money**

Investment: Spending pays off at Reuters Market Report: Crystal ball wreaks havoc

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Cut in base rates unlikely after high street sales rise

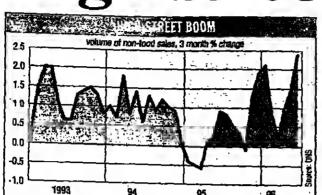
Economics Editor

Brilliant sunshine brought the shoppers out in force last month. Yet high street sa'es surged even after adjusting for the weather, giving force to Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's recent prediction of a boom in consumer spending.

The buoyant figures made a further cut in base rates unlikely after Mr Clarke's meeting next Tuesday with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. That, along with another weak start on Wall Street, unsettled the stock market, and the FT-SE 100 index closed 39.6 points lower at 3,668.8.

The volume of sales jumped 1.3 per cent in June, driven by a huge increase in elothing and footwear. In the latest three months, a better indicator of the underlying trend, the increase was also 1.3 per cent, the biggest since March 1994.

but the three-month increase in among consumers."



non-food sales volumes was 2,4 per cent. This was the highest since September 1988, the height of the higgest consumer

boom in recent history. The figures were welcomed by the Government, which is counting on an improving economy to boost its chances at the hallot box. Treasury minister Angela Knight said. "They confirm that high street sales are on a firm upward trend, reflecting Food sales barely expanded, a growing mood of optimism

value of non-food sales in the week to 13 July was 17.7 per

cent up on a year earlier. The strong sales volumes in recent months have been eo- er cut in base rates. David Waljoyed by most kinds of retailers ton at investment hank

The size of the June rebound

in sales took City analysts by sur-prise, despite earlier anecdotal

evidence of surging sales. This

evidence suggests the strength

For example, department

store and supermarket group

John Lewis reported that the

has continued into July.

struggling mail order industry. In the three months to June these two sectors were 0.4 per cent up and 1.3 per cent down respectively on the previous

Sales by the remaining categories - department stores, clothing and footwear retailers, houshold goods stores and others - grew by 2-3 per cent, or around 10 per cent at an annualised rate.

Some retailers reported a Euro 96 effect in June, according to the Office for National Statistics. The contest boosted off-licences and sales of sport-

ing goods.
The average weekly value of total high street sales in June was £3. tho, which was 7.4 per cent higher than a year earlier and the highest growth in value terms since March 1991.

Economists were divided about whether the buoyant high street figures ruled out anoth-

except food stores and the Goldman Sachs said: "It certainly will for the Governor, but the Chancellor can still point to extremely subdued inflation-

ary pressures."

The Treasury yesterday said there were virtually no inflationary pressures, and the economy as a whole was not in

danger of overheating.

Alex Garrard at UBS said

Eddie George would be in a hawkish mood when he and Mr Clarke hold their monetary meeting next Tuesday. He predicted the Chancellor would not risk being criticised in the Bank of England's next Inflation Re-

port, due on 7 August. There is a risk of overheating but its effects on inflation will not be felt for two or three years," Mr Garrard said.

Ciarán Barr at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell said: "When combined with evidence of an improving manufacturing sec-tor, the Chancellor's credibility would be severely tested were he to cut rates again."

The Somerfield supermarket

flotation was on the brink of failure last night with the £480m offer said to be only 30 per cent subscribed just two days before the deadline for applications.

With investor confidence shaken by another day of turbulence in the stock market, it is becoming increasingly likely the float will be pulled.

Asked whether the market's gyrations would scupper the float, one leading City fund manager said: "I think it might well do. I get the strong feeling they are in scrious trouble."

One supermarket analyst added: "Everything that could have gone wrong has. If it's only one third subscribed at this stage, it's a disaster."

The company did not comment, and was understood to be be in meetings with its merchant bank advisers, Kleinwort Benson. The flotation offer is not

underwritten. With investors leaving decisions until the last minute because of difficult market

conditions, Somerfield's broker,

NatWest Securities, has been frantically wooing smaller fund

Somerfield float on the

brink of being pulled

yesterday that NatWest has been contacting some of Somerfield's deht holders sug-gesting they should buy shares to help the float. This would involve deht bolders effectively swapping debt for equity in the

company.

It is known that debt holders have been phoning NatWest aggressively to ask about the status of the float.

NatWest would not confirm the rumours. It also declined to confirm that the issue was only 30 per cent subscribed.

Some analysts are suggesting that if Somerfield's float is pulled the company could find it difficult to compete in an increasingly cut-throat market.

It would also be a big financial blow to the board of directors, which is set to share bonuses of £10m from the float. Chief executive David Simons is in line to pick up almost £4m.

Another analyst suggested

head south this week, have been realised. One fund manager said: "At

160p I wouldn't say the price is far from being unreasonable. But given market conditions you really have to wonder. You althat without proceeds from a flotation Somerfield would find

it harder to honour a £30m debt

repayment due to its parent

a few potential buyers for the

company. Kwik Save is per-

forming poorly and Iceland is

sued a profits warning last

week. Continental buyers such

as Aldi are not expected to be

Gateway business, with its weak brand name and high debts, and

in the cut-throat supermarket

sector, was always going to be

a struggle. But the issue has

been dogged by misfortune. Somerfield ran into an in-

creasingly difficult new issues

market, then had to cut the

price of its shares from 180-190p

to 160p last week following Iceland's warning. The company's worst fears.

that the stockmarket would

The flotation of the former

Analysts said there are only

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Oftel refuses to extend deadline

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

The telecommunications industry regulator. Don Cruickshank, is understood to have emphatically ruled out any possibility of extending the deadline for BT to accept his, fair trading proposals. Pressure on BT intensified last night, as', speculation mounted that the vernment might be per suaded to intervene to broker a settlemeot between the two

Oftel has given BT until oext Friday, 2 August, to accept or reject the package of proposals, which would give the regulator the power to ban anti-competitive hehaviour without the need to make specific amendments to BT's

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licences. The measure has been linked to a more generous pricing formula for BT, which would remove most business customers from the price cap.

Mr Cruicksbank is understood to he insisting that if no word comes from BT by the deadline date, he will make an immediate referral to the Mooopolies and Mergers Commission.

BT has taken the view that reaching a compromise to the impass is more important that sticking by a strict deadline.

BT's last hope to avoid a costly and time consuming MMC investigation, which would cover its entire business, may lie with the DTI. The company hopes to persuade ministers to amend the Telecommunications Act. to include a formal right of appeal

against Oftel's decisions. However, sources in the DTI have previously suggested that such a move "is not immioent.

But Oftel is not thought to be taking part in any discus-sions with the DTI on the issue. Mr Cruickshank, who returned from holiday this week, has taken the view that any change to the law would be solely a matter for Parliament.

BT's board met on Tuesday to discuss its next move, but a final decision is said to be "too close to call".

Sir Alastair gives notice of intention to call it a day at Eurotunnel



Sir Alastair Morton (above left), the man who turned the Channel Tunnel into a reality thus uniting Britain with the Continent for the first time since the Ice Age, is to hand over as Eurotunnel chairman to Robert Malpas (right) when negotiations to reschedule its £8bn debt mountain

have been successfully concluded, writes

Michael Harrison.

PETER RODGERS

The Bank of England will hire

about 100 extra supervision

staff, including five recently re-

tired bankers described yester-

day as "grey panthers". They will help improve "dam-

aging" low levels of experience

in the supervision department,

identified in a report by the con-

sultants Arthur Andersen.

which recommends there

should be a widespread cultural

The expansion is part of a

wide-ranging re-organisation and beefing up of supervision announced yesterday after a

nine-mooth review of the

operation of the department,

prompted by the Barings col-

apse and the subsequent in-

Howard Davies, deputy gov-

ernor, who was in charge of the

review, said the sort of banker

Source: FT Information

Financial Editor

change.

that when a deal with Eurotunner's 225 banks was finally reached, his job would be done and it would be time to move on.

a grey panther - a name he sug-gested himself - was Richard

Delbridge, who retired last year

from HSBC. Mr Delbridge

helped the Bank with its su-pervision review. "We have not

recruited him, but we have a lit-

full- or part-time with wide

general experience as well as

specialist knowledge in areas

such as credit and market risk.

Arthur Andersen found the

Bank supervisors' average age

was 30 compared with 40 in

their overseas equivalents and

37 at other UK regulators. The accountants said 55 per cent of

line supervisors had less than

the Bank was published with the

results of the review, expressed

coocern at this state of affairs,

given that UK bank supervision

The firm, whose report for

three years in their jobs.

The older recruits would be

tle list," Mr Davies added.

Sir Alastair became chairman in February 1987 and is widely credited with salvaging the project from imminent collapse by forcing through the £700m share offer that secured financing for the tunnel. He At a hastily convened and brisk press would not comment on the detail of the debt

'Grey panthers' beef up Bank supervision

he was thinking of recruiting as judgement than many other takes, and "negative aspects of a grey panther - a name he sug-supervisory regimes".

move to other parts of the

Bank within two to three years

but only a few return to super-

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The grey panthers are only

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those in the Bank.

the private sector are twice

Arthur Andersen found poor

morale in the department after

the BCCI and Barings collapses

which heightened supervisors'

Since new entrants often

conference yesterday Sir Alastair said renegotiations with the banks or give a forecast of when a deal would be done but said be would be disappointed if he was still at Eurohumel this Christmas.

Mr Malpas, a former managing director of BP and now chairman of Cookson. has been a non-executive with Eurotumed for nine years and will become non-executive chairman when Sir Alastair departs.

and unnecessary copying of documents and some feeling

that a period working (in the de-

partment] does not necessarily

further your career in the Bank"

and not delegating enough de-cisions, so the department is to be sub-divided further with

three new divisions with senior

heads. However, the report was

also complimentary about the

Bank's high standing among in-

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it as a leader in the field, and

added that other systems had a

worse history of bank failures.

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sulting lack of experience is managers to be overstretched

The report also found senior

City welcomes extension of relief on stamp duty

PETER RODGERS

The Chancellor yesterday surprised the City by extending stamp duty relief from marketmakers to all intermediaries handling share deals on behalf of investors.

The move is expected to be broadly tax neutral but the City hopes it is the first step towards complete abolition of stamp duty, which currently raises £1.3bn a year.

The move was made on the recommendation of the Securities and Investments Board, amine the future of stamp duty relief in the light of the Stock Exchange's move to a new trading system.

At present, only market-makers obtain the relief, but their role is changing in the new trading system. Sir Andrew Large, chairman of SIB, said the plans would provide a level playing field among a wider range of firms.

The initial cost of extending the relief is expected to be small because so few intermediaries other than market-makers at present buy shares to hold. The duty from higher volumes Comment, page 19 of trading with investors is ex-

specialists but the exact total of

line supervisors to be hired as

well would not be clear until

changes in working methods be-

These include a shift towards

new methods of supervision

that identify the risk profile of

individual banks using a stan-

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specially tailored plans to deal

There will be moves to get

Mr Davies said: "Banks will

more supervisors out of their of-

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still fail - we can't stop that hap-

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land would be at the leading

edge of best practice.
The British Bankers Associ-

ation welcomed the changes.

The cost of the plans will be an

extra £7m-£8m a year when the

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reorganisation is complete.

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pected to cover the cost of relief to the Government.

SIB suggested that regional equity brokers might start holding blocks of shares to sell on to clients once they get the relief, while London broker dealers may find it economic to begin writing stock options.

There could also be a hig boost for stock borrowing, where investors' holdings are used temporarily to boost the liquidity of dealing firms. The Chancellor said such transfers would also he relieved from stamp duty.

SBC Warburg, said: "It is a very positive move for London and should be seen as a move towards full abolition of stamp duty in line with Paris and Frankfurt.

Richard Kilsby, director of market services at the Stock Exchange, called it a "workable and solid framework" to sup-

port the new trading services Stephen Wilson, executive director of Tradepoint, the Exchange's new rival, said it would belp improve liquidity in the London financial markets and enable more investors to trade

on Tradepoint". Two key areas to be sorted out are the definition of an intermediary, and the maximum period for which stock can be held to qualify for relief. Mr Kilsby said the market view was that 30 days was too tight. He believed dealers in stocks out-side the FT-SE 100 may also

Chris Salter, managing di- oced a longer period. Exchange is to increase the number of deals published immediately from 75 to more

than 85 per cent by immediate publication of all protected trades once they are completed, instead of a one-hour delay. The present 75 per cent compares with 50 per cent in January.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR

MORTGAGE CUSTOMERS

Interest Rate Change

The rates of interest for existing mortgage customers (in appropriate cases the basic rate) will decrease by 0.50% to 5.74% with effect from 1st August 1996. This reduction includes a 0.25% decrease which reflects the Society's ... commitment to mutuality.

Fixed rate morigages are not affected during the

contractual fixed rate period. In cases where mortgage interest rate changes are subject to notice, the decrease will take place after the appropriate notice period which will commence on 1st August 1996.

There will be no change to the interest rates on existing Secured Personal Loans regulated by the Consumer Credit Act. 1974.

For customers participating in the Society's annual review procedure, this interest rate decrease will be taken into account when calculating new monthly payments from March 1997 or, in appropriate cases, the anniversary of the



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TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Suter, the diversified industrial group run by former sharedealing whizz-kid David Abell. will announce today that it has agreed to a £270m bid from Ascot Holdings, the property and leisure group previously known as Control Securities.

Suter's shares jumped 27p to 197p vesterday after it emerged that the compane was in talks that might lead to a bid. Later in the day Ascot confirmed that it was the potential bidder and its shares fell 8p to 361p. A bid of about 230p a share is expected to be recommended

Ascot, which changed its name in 1993 as it sold off its larger group.

brewing, hotels and property interests to become a cash-rich shell, was originally run by Nazmu Virani, the Ugandan Asian businessman who built a £100m personal fortune from fraud

Howard Dyer, former boss of the Hamleys tov store, moved in to the group then with the stated intention of using Ascot's shares and cash to acquire an industrial group.

A former employee of Williams Holdings. Mr Dyer is expected to use Suter's husinesses, which include refrigeration. engineering and chemicals operations, as the launchpad to build a much

He is understood to he keen led to bids, but more often not. to increase the focus of the Always controversial, Mr Abell group to take it away from the out-of-favour diversified industrials sector where companies such as Hanson, BTR nothing but ended up in jail for and Tomkins have been his part in the BCCl banking shunned by investors. Williams itself narrowed its focus several years ago to concentrate on just

Suter agrees to £270m Ascot bid

three core husinesses. Suter, a conglomerate twice the size of Ascot, is run by David Abell, who made a fortune in the 1960s and 1970s trading shares and is more used to taking stakes in other companies than being under siege himself.

cent stake will net him £9m. Although the deal is heing por-Since the early 1980s a long trayed as a merger, it is thought roll-call of companies have unlikely that he will play an acfound Suter on their share tive executive role in the comregister. Sometimes the stakes hined group.

After a patchy record in the early 1990s, Suter has grown steadily since 1992 when it made profits of £16.3m.

Profits of £29m are forecast for the year ending in Decemher. Analysts have said that a fair value for the group was over 200p but it has only rarely traded above that level in the past five years.

dealer has played a large part in Suter's indifferent stock-A bid from Ascol would market rating in recent years. mark the end of Mr Abell's 18-If, as expected, Suter recyear association with the forommends an approach from mer Suter Electrical, a maker Ascot worth about 230p a share today, Mr Abett's 3 per of salon hairdrying equipment, which he bought into in 1978 while still working for British Leyland where he had huilt his early career. Treasurer of the state-owned car maker at just 29, he joined the main board only three years later.

David Lloyd takes back seat at firm he founded

JOHN SHEPHERD Business News Editor

David Lloyd is relinquishing his executive responsibilities at David Lloyd Leisure, the fitness and tennis club business bought by Whitbread almost a year ago for £200m.

He will devote more time to Britain's Davis Cup team and is, according to sources, also considering starting a similar husiness in Australia.

The former British tennis star, who is abroad on business and unavailable for comment, has informed staff at David Lloyd Leisure that he will step down from being executive to non-executive chairman from 1 January next year.

Mr Lloyd, a source said. has already signed a new contract to replace the three-year rolling contract he agreed with Whitbread when it bought David Lloyd Leisure. Under the terms of the old contract. he stood to reap £740,000 over the three years to 1998.

His decision comes a month

after reports that a rift had opened between him and senior management installed by Whitbread at David Lloyd Leisure. The reports prompted Sir Michael Angus, chairman of Whitbread, into making a statement at the brewing and food retailing company's annual meeting.

"It is mevitable that when an entrepreneur such as David Lloyd joins the board of a major public company there is

Philpott. managing director. likely to be a period of adjust-The spokesman declined ment," Sir Michael told sharecomment on Mr Lloyd's new contract terms or on his own business plans, bud did say that Questioned vesterday about

months he will hand over his executive responsibilities to other members of the board. "David Lloyd Leisure's vigorous expansion plans will continue with the complete personal support of David

Lloyd." Executive control of the

business will go to Steve

Mr Lloyd's decision to dilute his Whithread owned the worldcommitment to the David Lloyd wide rights to the David Lloyd husiness, a Whithread spokes-man said: "Over the next few Leisure trading name.

However, it is understood that Whithread would be prepared to back Mr Lloyd if he pushed ahead with plans to open fitness and tennis centres in Australia. The backing could be in the form of taking a minority stake in any new business

Down under: David Lloyd te looking at new opportunities

Stagecoach in Scandinavian bus takeover

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport correspondent

Stagecoach, fresh from announcing record profits earlier this week, vesterday said it was in the final stages of taking control of Swebus AB, the targest bus company in the Nordic

The company, which runs 8.300 buses in the UK and abroad, is set to take over Swehus if final negotiations are successful. The two companies signed a letter of intent vesterday but Swebus, which is currently owned by the Swedish national railways, retains the rient to talk to other bidders should the negotiations break d.wn. Swedish analysis have valued the company at between ibn and i.5bn Swedish kronor (2)00m to £150m). Last year, it made a profit of 111m kropor on a turnover of 3.2bn kronor.

5wehus has 3,500 buses, and operates in Norway, Denmark and Finland as well as Sweden. The privatisation was forced on Swedish railways by the Swedish government, which wants the organisation to focus on rail ser-

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coach's first in northern Europe. although the company already operates buses in several coun-

tries including New Zealand. Malawi, Kenya, and Portugal. Stagecoach is thought to have beaten off competition from the French CGEA, FirstBus, and a

Swedish holding company. News of the pending Swebus deal helped shares in Stagecoach to buck the depressed stock market yesterday. But while Stagecoach's shares climbed by Top to 456p, just Ip below the high for this year, the price of FirstBus eased by 5p to stand at 146p - only 5p above the this year's low.

The purchase fits in with the expansion plans which chairman Brian Souter announced earlier this week in presenting the annual figures, which showed the company making profits of £43,6m from turnover of slightly more than £500m.

Mr Souter said he wanted to increase Stagecoach's turnover to £2bn by the end of the decade, compared with its current annualised level of around £770m. Mr Souter expressed doubts about huying many more British bus companies as The acquisition will be Stage- he felt prices were too high.

PolyGram stuck in the groove

second half would benefit from

a better release schedule of po-

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Department of Trade and In-

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MATHEW HORSMAN

PolyGram, the music and film giant controlled by Philips, yes-terday underlined the sluggish state of the music husiness worldwide, unveiling first-half net income stuck at about 272m guilders (£105m). But the results still exceeded analysts' expectations and helped raise the shares of London-listed competitor Thorn-EML which reported mixed quarterly figures on Monday.

Analysts also cheered com-ments by Alain Levy, Poly-Gram's US-based president, who said the normally stronger

Reuters presentations may be about

as much fun as an undertakers' con-

tential hits and higher results from the film husiness. Sales were up 7 per cent year on year in the half, touch-ing 4.3bn guilders. North Amer-ican revenues were higher than the average, helped by break-through releases from new

through releases from new artists such as Jann Arden and Tracy Bonham. The number of 1 million-plus sellers reached 15 in the half, compared with 12 in the same

13 million units, compared to 17 million last time. The film husiness continues

company said it would contin-ue looking for acquisition tar-gets for its film business, and period last year, although the top five albums only managed

would seek a US distributor. Mr Levy also said he was looking to expand the company's production and library holdings.

to grow, although it is still in loss as the company pushes into ma-jor film-making. Operating loss-es dropped to 37m guilders

Mr Levy emphasised further

profits would flow from sec-

ondary markets, including

PolyGram last week lost its hid for the MGM studio, being

sold by Credit Lyonnais. The

from 46m last time.

home video.

Heavy investment pays off at Reuters THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

EDITED BY TOM STEVENSON

vention, surprising for a company sup-posedly in the communications business, but there is no faulting the company's performance. Investors who bought Reuters' shares five years News Radio whose figures are no longer consolidated in Reuters acago have almost quadrupled their money even if the price has slipped in recent months. The shares fell 25p counts. The other worry is the 31 per cent rise in central costs. This was due to more in-house product develop-ment but also higher litigation ex-penses which the company declined to 703p yesterday hut that was due more to market jitters than any concerus about the company's numbers. The interim figures were particuto explain.

larly impressive given the company's investment in its new generation of information and dealings systems, Reuters 3000, launched earlier this Even after its investment in Renters 3000, the company is still investing heavily. The next 18 months are set to be one of increased capital investmonth. Pre-tax profits rose 19 per cent to £342m in the six months to June spent in the first half. Panmure Goron sales up 11 per cent. A slowdown don has upgraded its full-year forecast in growth in the second duarter was from £685m to £692m, putting the partly due to the consolidation in the shares on a forward rating of 24. That nal to the professional to pull out for banking and fund management maris a pretty fancy rating for a company a while. whose earnings are expected to grow kets which has bit new installations. But the theory is that, once the con-solidation settles down, the stronger banks will use more Reuters products,

The big event of the year is Reuters 3000, which the company has spent three years and £70m developing. The screen-hased system, designed to steal a march on competitors such as Bloomberg, offers a wealth of in-depth analysis to professional users. It is also priced around 5 per cent higher than its predecessor, Reuters 2000.

The other issue that should be settled is the fate of the company's £800m cash pile which is set to grow to around £1hn by the end of the year. A share huy-back or special dividend is anticipated by the end of the year. though it is thought the company is ironing out a few tax wrinkles for in-stitutional shareholders. When Reuters conducted its last share huyback - £350m in 1993 - institutions

received a tax credit. There were only a handful of disappointments in the figures. The half-year contribution from the Americas was hit by slower revenue growth though the company continues to invest heavily there. Revenues from media products were also affected by the reduction in the stake in London at only about 13 per cent for both of better-than-expected figures from

to point out, when the private investor cent rise in regular contribution Peps. gets round to investing heavily in the stock market it is normally a clear sig-for the six months to June was pro-

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the next two years, but selling Reuters Lloyds Ahbey Life yesterday pre-

vided by Lloyds Bank Insurance Scrvices, which provided an unexpected 33 per cent jump in profits as policies to back unsecured loans boomed.

Lloyds Abbey Life is plainly enjoying a long overdue uptick in trading and longer-term saving trends are acting in its favour. But in the short term. the interest in LAL's shares lies in the result of ongoing negotiations re-garding the future of the two-thirds stake in the company held by the newly merged Lloyds TSB group.

Whether the parent chooses to buy out the minority at a premium, or simply eliminates overlaps with the former TSB baneassurance operations, the result should be good for LAL. The shares have had a tremendous run since bottoming out at little over 300p at the beginning of 1995, so at 535p, up 8p, much of the good news is already in the price. With a forecast yield this year of 5.5 per cent, however, the shares are nicely underpinned.

EU red tape to boost Menvier

Menvier Swain has had a tremendous record over the years, benefiting from the underlying growth in its fire alarm. emergency lighting and security niches and from its own ability to squeeze costs and steal market share from its competitors.

venture he undertakes.

Profits of under £2m 10 years ago grew last year by a healthy 12 per cent from £11.5m to £12.9m despite what chief executive Roger Fletcher described as the most difficult year the group had encountered for many years. After a 10 per cent increase in earnings per share to 17.94p, the dividend, which has grown every year over the past decade, jumped 13 per

cent to 5.75p.

One of the attractions of Menvier's markets is that in the long run they are driven by legislative changes. with directives from Brussels demanding ever tighter standards in the workplace when it comes to emerighting and

Implementation of these new rules could take many years, but it will underpin growth in the medium term.

The group also has a good record of acquiring underperforming busi-nesses and turning them around. Last November, when Menvier acquired security group Scantronic. there was a great deal of cynicism about whether it had hitten off rather more than it could chew and opened itself to potential black holes.

In the event the deal seems to be working out extremely well and has created a useful third leg for the

Yesterday's results, together with confirmation that Menvier is pulling the plug on a troublesome German subsidiary, sent the shares 25p higher

That reversed a marked underperformance over the past month as the market worried about a gloomy trading statement from Thorn Light-ing. slightly unfairly as the two companies are not really comparable.

Forecast profits of £15.6m to next April, followed by £17.3m for 1998, put the shares on a prospective price/earnings multiple of 13 falling

Compared with the growth rate, that is not demanding and the shares are marginally undervalued.

The weight of world golds falls on NationsBank

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

NationsBank has had the weighty joh of storing the 1.844 Olympic medals at the Atlanta Games until the award ceremonies. The haubles weigh a total of 1,518ibs and were transported to NationsBank's vaults in

Atlanta by UPS. Over 10,000 athletes from 197 countries are competing for the medals. It doesn't look as if Great Britain will be making many withdrawals from the NationsBank vaults, on present form, at least, Come on Linford.

It is surely a significant moment in the gender wars when a woman who once appeared in a pantyhose advert can send world stock markets crashing simply by say-

ing a correction is overdue.
Wall Street strategist Elaine "Go-Go" Garzarelli. who rose to fame after predicting the 1987 stock mar-

ket crash, said the market could fall by 15 to 25 per cent below the June highs. Ironically Garzarelli acquired her nickname "Go-Go" in the 1980s for her hullish stance. She has run her own show since 1994. when Lehman cased her out because her \$1.5m pay package was too heavy a hurden. Garzarelli isn't alone in forecasting doom, but she

seems to be unique in her impact. Five weeks ago Gail Dudack, senior US equity strategist with UBS, forecast a 16 per cent sell-off on the Dow, In April, Byron Wien, a markets strategist at Morgan Stanley in New York, predicted a 1,000 point fall. But it was Elaine the mar-

kets listened to yesterday. There is only one thing to be done. Someone must persuade George Soros to announce that he is buying



Nations' golds: 1,518lbs of medals were deposited in NationsBank's vaults in Atlanta for the Olympic games

Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England, had great fun teasing management consul-tants Arthur Andersen yesterday, as the Bank announced a big expansion of its supervision depart-

planning the move, and Mr Davies told journalists at the start of the press conference: "We're all available to answer questions. But I have to warn you that in our experience, Andersen's may well charge you for any answers

they give."
Which drew a laugh, and

Described by colleagues variously as a bon viveur, very sharp, a good operator, fun luving, a workaholic, tough, a fanatical Scottish rughy supporter and a genuinely nice guy - Graham Kane yesterday joined the board of investment regulator Imro. Mr Kane, 39, is managing directur of Morgan Grenfell Investment Funds, and his retail experience n the investment bank's unit trust operation is what drew Imro's notice. Before joining Morgan Grenfell three years ago, he was managing director of Société Générale Touche Remnant UTM, but left when it merged with the Henderson group.

If ever the shine comes off Mr Kane's career – which it

shows no sign of doing, I basten to add - he is well placed to bounce back, His wife runs her own head hunting agency.

caused some discomfiture for the Andersens partner on display, John Tiner. When one Observer journalist subsequently asked Mr Tiner a question, Mr Davies interjected: "You are prepared to pay for an answer? With the Observer you're never quite

sure about the money side. Mr Davies got his just desserts when he was asked: "OK then, how much did you pay Andersens?" At which point the deputy governor refused to give any answer at

all, paid for or not. One of the more important appointments announced yesterday by the Bank of England was that of Paul Tucker, a 38-year old high flyer who has been fast-tracked through nearly every department in Threadneedle Street. A spokesman for the Bank

describes Mr Tucker depressingly as one of the brightest people in the Bank, actually A A Cambridge Maths gradu-

ate, Mr Tucker moves from heading the gilts division to take over the Monetary Assessment and Strategy Divi-sion from 1 January next year. He has already spent three years as former Governor Sir Robin Leigh Pemberton's private secrelary. A tip for future Governor, perhaps?

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Confident Clarke makes his boom come true

Ken Clarke has for some time been con-fideouty predicting e surge in consumer spending in the next 12 months. It looks as if he was right. He is e confident chap by course, of course, but it is becoming hard to shake off the suspicion that he can be particularly certain about this forecast because 'Falling share prices

he plans to make sure it comes true. Call those teenage scribblers in the City onive, but many of them had begun to believe that Mr Clerke had broken the mould of Conservative chancellors. The election cycle could be consigned to the dustbin of history thanks to the monetary policy arrangements and the limits the rhetoric of reducing the size of government placed upon tax cuts – or so the argument went.

It looks a forlorn case dow. Tax cuts announced in last November's Budget delivered in April the biggest one-off boost to consumer spending power since the late 1980s. Few believe there will be no reduc-

tioo io income tax this November.
In a belt and braces move, the Chancellor also cut the cost of borrowing in December, January, March and, catching most analysts on the hop, in June. There is an outside chance he will do so again next week. For all that the City reckons each successive reduc-tion increases the risk that Mr Clarke would have to raise interest rates again before the election, there is actually little danger of this. The inflationary consequences of a consumer spree will take two or three years to

emerge, as they did in the late 1980s.

The only obstacle to a pre-election boom lies in the financial markets, which will demand minimal policy credibility. Falling share prices are a reminder that eveo Tory chancellors in desperate need of votes have to think about the future consequences of

Somerfield in danger of being left on shelf

The first casualty of the faltering markets could well he the flotation of the supermarket group Somerfield. By last night just 30 per cent of the shares on offer had been subscribed for despite some heavyweight arm-twisting by Somerfield's broker, NatWest Markets.

If there is a further decline today then edvisers Kleinwort Benson will surely have little option but to advise Somerfield chief executive David Simons to pull the float. That would make the offer one of the biggest casualties of a weak market in recent years. But if it does fail it would be wrong to blame it solely on the markets. The institutions have been sniffy about Somerfield for some time and their caution was reinforced by the profits warning last week from Iceland. Last Friday's cut in the price of this issue, rather than making Somerfield look more attractive, merely served to

underline those worries.

gesting that if they wanted to see their loans repaid they might like to ensure the success of the flotation by subscribing for shares.

It is a tricky call. Banks understandably dislike swapping debt for equity because it does not pay interest and ranks at the bot-

tom of the creditors' pile. On the other hand, if the flotation is aborted then the management, all of whom are on big bonuses, could easily jump ship and leave Somerfield to implode, in which case the debt would be worth very little.

Kleinwort has until this evening to under-write the offer. Unless there is some fancy footwork or the markets rebound, the omens do oot look good.

Bank makes sure buck stops at the top

Accountability will now begin at the top both in the banking and securities worlds. The Bank of England plans to ask chief executives and chief financial officers to submit an annual statement of whether effective internal controls have been maintained in their organisations. The auditors are likely to be asked for a similar piece of

course, was that NatWest had been doing the rounds of the banks that hold debt in Somerfield's pareot company Isoceles, sugthe Bank's most significant changes. The intention is not in the first instance

to prepare a trap for chief executives, hang-ing them out to dry wheo thiogs go wrong, with their signed statements as the evidence Howard Davies, the deputy governor masterminding the improvements in the supervision department, helieves that first and foremost the oew procedure will concentrate senior minds on their responsibil-

But those bits of paper will certainly make it easier to nail management deficiencies in some future Barings. Coincidentally, the plan has been edopted in the same week as the Securities and Futures Authority considers new rules that also make sure the buck dos not stop until it reaches the top.

Mr Davies' review makes lots of sensible proposals for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of supervision. It also rejects extremists—yes, even supervision has those—who either want a supervisory team installed permanently in every bank or who want to ebolish the whole process and leave the soundness of the financial system to caveat emptor and the market's judgement.

But the most disturbing aspect of the review is the reveletion in the Arthur Andersen report of a dejected supervision depart-Inderline those worries.

Since many of the recent collapses and ment with dreadful morale and inedequate expertise and experience. Mr Davies must

be hoping there are no banking disasters to overtake him during the three years he expects the overhaul to take.

Morton looks at life after Eurotunnel

an it really be true that Sir Alastair Morcan really be the hat Addams Motoris quitting Eurotunnel after nine tunultuous years? Notwithstanding yesterday's announcement that he is to be succeeded as chairman by Robert Malpas, there will be plenty of bankers, contractors, ministers, ferry operators and, yes, journalists, who won't quite bring themselves to believe it until he has been physically removed.

Love him or loathe him, there can be little death that without Sr. Alastoir the turnel

tle doubt that without Sr Alastair the tunnel would never have been built. There is now just the small matter of the timing of his depar-ture which is intended to coincide with the satisfactory completion of debt rescheduling negotiations with Eurotunnel's 225 banks. Sin Alastair says he would be disappointed if he were still with Eurotunnel this Christmas but given the history of these negotiations no one

should be surprised at anything.
His successor will inherit a transport system which, though used predominantly by Brits, is becoming increasingly French in ownership and management. Which just leaves the question of what Sir Alastair will do for an encore. Who knows, there might soon be a vacancy for a new chairman at P&O.

Costain's mines sale falls through

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

Costain, the troubled construction group, produced an-other unpleasant surprise for its long-suffering shareholders yes-on course." Shareholders had terday when it revealed that a deal to sell its US coal husinesses had fallen through at the been reached on 12 July. eleventh hour. Just three days ago investors were told at an egm, where they backed a controversial rescue plan, that an agreement to sell the mines bad

been reached. A statement said that since Monday's egin the "proposed purchaser has informed Costain that, in the context of its own business objectives, it bas decided not to proceed. The Board remains committed to the successful sale of the US Coal business and is reviewing a number of options which are 'had continued for an "extended available to it.

Costain's finance director

John Campbell said the news had asking price for the mines was come to the board on Monday might, after the egm had finished. We didn't know about it be-

been told agreement in principle to sell the coal businesses had Yesterday City analysts were not impressed by the explanation: "This is the latest shambles

in the Costain saga," one said. "Shareholders have every right to be upset at what appears to be another blunder by senior management." Shares in the group, which resumed trading after the egm vote, fell 0.5p, to 51p. Costain has refused to reveal

the identity of the buyer for the coal businesses, though analysts have suggested it was another US mining firm. Negotiations period" and a due diligence surestimated to be between £40m and £50m.

Costain insisted the collapse of the deal would not affect its survival plan. Intria, a Malaysian construction firm, is underwriting a three-for-one rights issue at 50p a share to raise £73.6m. It gives Intria a stake of up to 40 per cent stake. One of Costain's largest shareholders, Khararafi. a Kuwaiti construction firm, with a 19 per cent stake before the refinancing had voted against the rescue plan.

The coal mines, which are in Kentucky, made a small profit in 1995, but had been heavily loss-making and were considered one of a series of poor investments made by Costain during its disastrous acquisition trail in the 1980s.

Mr Campbell said last night that banking facilities were in. place to allow the coal busi-



MATHEW HORSMAN

The UK cable industry yesterday gave a mixed and at times angry response to new under-takings between BSkyB and the OFT over the supply of pay-television programming to cable

operators. As revealed in the Independent, the OFT yesterday confirmed it will impose new conditions on the pay-television giant, including the obligation that it unbundle its channel offerings to cable companies and that any channels supplied need only go to 80 per cent of customers, rather than 100 per cent. The OFT has also insisted

ensuring fair and open access for all broadcasters. In return, the company, 40 per cent-owned by Rupert Mur-doch, has avoided a reference to the Monopolies and Merers

that BSkyB produce a rate card

for its video encryption service.

the changes, which followed a six-month inquiry, OFT director general John Bridgeman said that "although BSkyB is not acting anti-competitively the competitive process is being impaired".

BSkyB deal with OFT

wins mixed response

BSkyB hailed the announcement as vindication of its approach to the cable television marketplace. "We are grateful to heve hed the opportunity to put the record straight on e number of pre-conceptions about BSkyB's behaviour," Sam Chisholm, chief executive, said yesterday. "We are happy to give undertakings which give reassurance that these pre-conceptions are not becked up by any

intent on BSkyB's part."

A new rate card will be produced by BSkyB in coming weeks, which will be circulated to cable operators for consid-

eration. The changes will allow cable operators to repackage channels in response to consumer deto select fewer channels.

"This is very much e step forward," a source at Videotron, a leading cable operator, said yesterday. "The undertakings show that the OFT bas begun to understand the problems in the market.

But Bell Cablemedia, one of the companies leading the com-plaints against BSkyB, said it was disappointed the satellite broadcaster had been permitted to "demand that cable deliver any basic channel taken to 80 per cent of its customer base, irrespective of customer choice" Another cable operator said:

"This is a whitewash, and the OFT has just passed the buck."
The OFT said that BSkyB's control of satellite transponder capacity in the UK was a matter for European regulators, while its exclusive deals with the Premier League would be looked at by the Restrictive Practices Court. It added that it would keep a watching brief

• The House of Commons Select Committee on Trade and Industry will hold five new inquiries in the next few months, including investigations into telecommunications regulation and the liberalisation of the energy market. Among the energy regulation investigations will be one into the regulatory implications of mergers of companies combining electricity, gas and water activities. The all-party committee will also look at the Post Office and the Department of Trade and Industry's expenditure plans for 1996/97 to 1998/99. On the Post Office, MPs will examine the implications of the possible loss of its letters monopoly and the future

• Building society members who vote for their societies to convert into banks and grab the free shares or cash they are offered will be worse off in the long run, according to the Cousumers Association. Its research suggests that building societies offer consumers better deals than banks for savings, Tessas, mortgages and satisfaction over current accounts, and the smaller societies have generally done best of all. At the same time, there is no evidence that hanks are more efficient than building societies, but there is good reason to believe building societies who convert to hanks will favour shareholders ahead of customers.

• The Office of Fair Trading will publish its report on private medical insurance policies this morning. It is expected to welcome increasing competition and call for clearer literature to allow customers to make fair comparisons between the various products and the different providers. It is likely to remind consumers that premiums inevitably escalate as they get older and recommend providers agree to pay up on policies if existing conditions have not recurred for at least two years.

 Virtuality, the virtual reality technology specialist, saw its shares fall 56p to 177p yesterday after the company blamed soft enter-tainment markets and software compatibility problems for e de-lay in its expected move into profits. Analysts believe the company will remain in the red this year but believed profits forecasts of up to £3.2m for 1997 were still valid. Key to profits will be the success of sales of virtual reality headsets in Japan where they are due to be launched in September. Market Report, page 20

 Hoechst plans to hive-off its German pharmaceuticals business into an independent company to be called Hoechst Marion Roussel Deutschland, as the first step towards spinning off its entire global pharmaceuticals business. Hoechst Marion Roussel Deutschland will have 6,300 employees and annual sales of about Dm2.6ba (£1.1ba).

British Rail has sold its last rail-maintenance business, Western Track Renewals, to Glasgow-based Relayfast, the same management buy-out team which last February bought the first of BR's Infrastructure Services business to be sold, Scottish Track Renewals. Western TRC has 430 employees and a turnover in 1995/96 of £32.7m.

 Stead & Simpson, the privately owned footwear group, bas acquired 39 branches of Freeman Hardy Willis, Manfield and Trueform from Price Waterhouse, receivers to the collapsed Facia group. All branches will be converted to the Stead & Simpson name over

· British Steel said results for the first quarter matched expectations although selling prices of most steel products, especially stainless steel, had been declining and were now close to the low levels reached in 1993. "However, a better price environment should develop for producers by the autumn when the intensive destocking of recent months in the industry's supply chain in mainland Europe will be largely completed," said British Steel chairman and chief executive Sir Brian Moffat at the agm.

Cortecs International has signed a deal with Cambridge University to develop a bacterial manufacture and delivery system for vaccines. Under the agreement, the university has licensed exclusively to Cortecs the commercialisation rights to the human medical applications of the microbial technology. The system under investigation uses an innocuous bacterium, Lactococcus lactis, used for the manufacture of fermented dairy products, Cortecs said. | fice had granted the Georgia- cent.

Receivers pull plug on Escom

NIGEL COPE

Receivers pulled the plug on the failed Escom computer stores vesterday, closing more than 150 shops. The closures bring the total number of job losses at the group to 850 after 260 staff were

made redundant last week. Staff at 113 Escom shops and 43 concession outlets were informed on Tuesday afternoon. The stores closed with immediate effect.

Deloitte & Touche, appointed as receivers to the group last week, took the decision due to a "lack of serious interest" in purchasing the business as a

going concern.
No offers were received for the whole group. The receivers also blamed disappointing trading results and the high cost of continuing to trade.

Though as many as four parties had expressed interest in buying parts of the group, it is understood they were interested only in small numbers or in buying stock. Geoff Saunders, Escom's former commercial director had been expected to mount a management buyout but no offer was made.

with groups interested in huy-most cut-throat.

ing single stores or small groups Deloitte could not confirm if Mr Saunders was among the interested parties.

Prior to yesterday's an-nouncement the receiver said it had received 60 expressions of interest with most targeting single stores. Receiver Nick Dorgan said: "It is disappointing that the business as a whole cannot be sold but, given the oversupply in the retail computer market and rapidly de-

Mr Dorgan said discussions were continuing with a number of parties regarding the sale of the property portfolio. This could see a similar property deal to the one last year in which Escom took control of the former Rumbelows chain closed by

clining margins in the sector, it

was always a possibility."

Thorn EMI. One of Escom's problems was that it had mostly small stores in high street locations while most electrical retailers are opening large out-of-town superstores. Escom was also trying to sell its little-known ownbrand products at a time when the competition among the largest brand name computer Negotiations are continuing manufacturers has been at its

University sues Glaxo over Epivir

JOHN WILLCOCK

Glaro Wellcome says it would vigorously fight a patent in-fringement suit brought against the company yesterday by At-lanta's Emory University over a new Aids treatment called 3TC.

The university's suit seeks damages on the sale and distribution of 3TC, which Glazo licenses from BioChem Pharma and sells as Epivir in the US. BioChem Pharma is e Canadian research company and is also being sued by Emory.

day in London down 27.5p to 884p, having dropped 31.5p in mid afternoon. Emory said yesterday that the US Patent and Trademark Ofbased university a patent on 3TC. It said its scientists had discovered the process by which 3TC is made. It acknowledged, however, that BioChem Pharma discovered the compound from which the drug is derived.

Glazo refused to say whether it would be prepared to settle with Emory. Analysis said that even if the drugs companies lose the suit, it probably wouldn't hit profits or sales badly.

Typically in such cases "process" patent holders can get I to 2 per cent of sales, although Glazo's shares finished the it is unclear whether any such settlement would come from Glaxo Wellcome or BioChem Pharma. It is understood that Glaxo already pays a royalty on the drug to BioChem of 14 per

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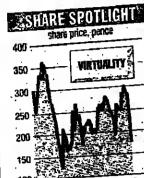
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Media hard hit as 'Gazza' gazes into her crystal ball

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Gazza returned to cause havoc big following in the US inyesterday, almost a decade since the influential prodigy first burst oo to the interna-

uonal scene. The Gazza in questioo, however, is not the one who wears three lions on his shirt, is prone to excessive in-flight "refuelling" and got married to Cheryl the other day.

No, the Gazza doing the damage again is Elaine Garzarelli, a former Lehman Brothers strategist best known fur calling the 1987 stock market crash.

Oo Tuesday, in a sudden change of heart, she warned clients of further declines in the value of US stocks. Shares might fall by 15-20 per cent from their receot peaks, she said. Since May, Wall Street has falled by more than 7 per ceot while the technology-dominated Nasdaq index is down 16

Ms Garzarelli, who eo joys a

vestment community, expects corporate profits to slow later. this year and in 1997, largely

because companies' cash flow is deteriorating.
While oot the first stock market guru to turn bearish on

Wall Street in recent weeks, her commeots were quickly seized on by investors on both sides of the Atlantic. The bearish mood in London was uoderlined by

stronger-than-expected growth in UK retail sales in June which revived fears that the oext move in interest rates could he up. At one stage the Footsie was almost 65 points down, hut recovered to close a net 39.6 weaker at 3,668.8. Hardest hit were highly rat-

ed growth sectors such as me-dia. Reed International fell 35p to 1066, Pearson shed 19p to 621p and Reuters, was off 25p at 703p after warning the launch of the 3000 range, its

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MARKET REPORT PATRICK TOOHER

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The sector has been the ceotre of renewed hid speculation this week, but the ahseoce of any such developments sent Yorkshire Tyne-Tees Television, a rumoured target for Granada, 23p lower to 1205p while HTV, supposedly heing lined up by Carlton, dipped a penny to

Another big decliner among blue chips was Glano Wellcome, down 27.5p to 884p after Emory University of Atlanta filed a pateot infriogement suit seeking damages on the sale and distribution of 3TC, after the interim dividend was cut and problems in France were highlighted.

Elsewhere, dealers noted switching ioto underperforming, high-yielding shares like National Grid (1.5p up at 1715p), P&O (unchanged at 494p) and Allied Domecq. steady at 426p.

British Energy was an active issue with 15.4 million shares traded as private investors finally received their share certificates and, if they applied for 500 shares ur more, a small cheque in the post. The partly-paid shares, which were oversubscribed two weeks ago. were firm at 97p.

Buyers returned to Thorn EMI after Tuesday's disappointing first-quarter results from its music division. The shares were the best performers in the Footsic, adding 19p to 1714p after rival Polygram produced better-than-expect-

porting tomorrow, retreated 4.5p to 328.5p. Analysis at Lehman Brothers think the figures should underline the strength of the enlarged bank-

ing group even before merger savings begin to accrue. Preliminary results from security and emergency lighting group Menvier-Swain were well received with the shares addiog 25p to 270p and UBS

reiterating its positive stance. Mioi-conglomerate Suter. led by David Abell, confirmed earlier market speculation that it was in talks with Ascot Holdings, furmerly Nazmu Viraoi's Cootrol Securities. The former closed up 27p at 196.5p, while the bidder finished 8p weaker at 361p. Ascot is expected to launch a 230p per share offer

this morning. Epic Multimedia cootioued its good run this week, ootching up another 7p to close at

Stentor fell 14p to 171p. The Dublin-based telecommued figures. Lloyds TSB, re-

nications group has been riding high since floating oo AIM at 72p in April. Recent interconnection deals with AT&T and an affiliate of US Cable Corporation, one of America's largest cable operators, mean Stentor can now offer value added services not available on rival networks such as Telecom Eireann, Broker Shaw & Co thinks this is not reflected in a market value of £12m, an excellent play on one of the fastest growing sectors

TAKING STOCK

of the booming Irish economy. Engineer Widney is splashing out £1.7m on Palcon, which designs, makes and installs control panels for heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The deal is seen as enhancing earnings by up to 15 per cent next year and the lowly-rated shares rose 4p to 77p.

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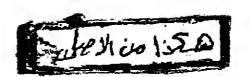
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Internet's tangled money Web worries central banks

ben the Bank of England set up its home page on the World Wide Web three months ago, the first e-mail it re-ceived came from an internet surfer in California. The inquirer had, appropriately, a question about the con-cept of legal tender.

Appropriate because the aspect of the Net that could turn out to be most vexing for the Bank, and other central banks, is the development of electronic money. A working party set up by Europe's monetary authorities is looking into the implications of cyber-transactions.

One City of London economist thinks these implications could turn out to be grave. Stephen Lewis, at the London Bond Broking Company, says: "If a large proportion of transactions in the economy were to migrate from traditional banking channels to the information superhighway, there would be a clear threat to law enforcement and to the financial foundations of government. Ordered society might be

This is strong stuff, so it is well worth exploring electronic money in some detail. There are two main categories to think about. One, the better established, is the electronic purse. Mondex is probably the bestknown example. It is a smart card with extra bells and whistles that allow money from a bank account to be transferred to the card and subsequently drawn on for small transactions. In effect it is like a telephone card except that it can be used for

making a wide variety of payments.
The electronic purse is therefore much like a debit card, and is designed to save using cash in low value



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quences for monetary policy beyond the fact that they might change the proportion of cash people use in their spending - in other words, the ve-locity of circulation of narrow money. Technical changes such as cash machines and cash-back bave changed this velocity dramatically, anyway. It is not something that

causes central bankers to lose sleep.
The chief worry about electronic purses is their security. The Euro-

of these are conducting transac-tions in an existing currency, mainly dollars. Others, linked to local exchange trading schemes, use their own, new monies.

One reason the cyber-banks ought to worry the central banks is the dif-ficulty of monitoring what is hap-pening on the Internet. It would be easy for this banking activity to go almost completely unmonitored.

As things stand, there is no pos-

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should be allowed to issue electronic purses, and that central banks should scrutinise the security features of the

cards. They should also make sure statistics on their use are collected. It is the other category of electronic money that worries people like Mr Lewis more. That is straight banking on the Internet - not so much going on-line to access your normal bank account as the development of new banking activities.

A cursory search of the World Wide Web reveals at least a dozen cyber-banks, sporting names such as DigiCash, NetChez and the First Virtual Holding Company. The Eurolectronic

the Internet. There is no reason to set themselves the same prudential standards as conventional banks. The German Bundesbank is concerned they would not hold adequate reserves, for example, unlike the normal banks which are required to meet a minimum reserve ratio.

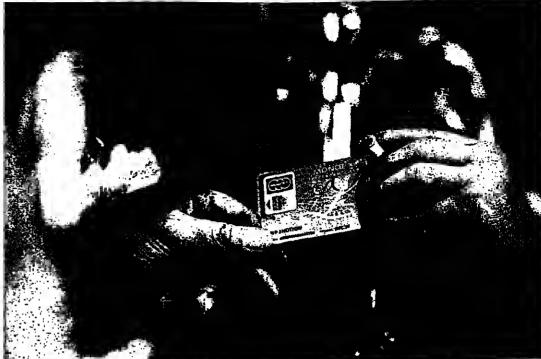
So the electronically-generated money supply could grow at a supersonic pace with no central bank being any the wiser. Internet banks could make unwise loans, resulting in a credit crunch that the authorities would only discover when it was too late, and perhaps even a systemic

exploitation of Internet banking for tax evasion, money laundering and fraud. Mr Lewis says: "You might imagine that all the risky business would graduate onto the Internet quite naturally." There is no technical reason why this should not already be taking place. The main barrier, to fraud at least, is most people's healthy distrust of on-line security. After all, there are people who still distrust cash machines and credit cards. And it is only in the latter half of this century that banks managed to persuade a majority that their money was safer oo deposit than in a sock under the mattress.

A longer-term difficulty for the authorities will stem from the further development of barter systems using newly created currencies on the Internet. These are linked to rapidly expanding local exchange trading schemes (Lets), the local barter schemes where people in a community trade goods and services they produce themselves. For example, one LET has a unit of account called the nella which has the characteristics of money - it is a unit of account, expect Internet banks to voluntarily a medium of exchange and a store of value.

If there were enough such schemes, the conventional money economy could be progressively un-dermined. This would mean, not only that it would be near-impossible to run monetary policy, but it would be much harder to raise taxes too. Tax is already a thorny issue with Lets. In principle, the activity they generate is subject to income tax. But how do you value the made-up units of measurement, the modern-day equivalent of cowrie shells, for tax purposes? And how much harder collapse. would it be to keep track of More likely, perhaps, would be the of activity on the Internet? would it be to keep track of this sort

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Slow take-up for Mondex in Swindon, but Internet credit could take off Photograph: John Lawrence

thorities ever be able to raise the revenues to fund national defence in this kind of economy?"

It has to be said that the central banks - even the Bundesbank, which is most alarmed about electronic money - are not nearly so gloomy about the potential implications. The American authorities are quite keen on it, partly because it is administration policy to embrace the information superhighway, partly

The irrepressibly pessimistic Mr because American retail banking is which ended recently, was not Lewis says: "How would the tax aunot as technologically advanced as marked by a huge take-up of the electronic purses in Europe.

The Bank of England is content to keep an cye on developments, partly because it thinks the spread of both electronic purses and cyberof both electronic purses and cyber-banking will be very slow. Even if it expanded rapidly, it would still account for only a tiny proportion of the money supply for a long time be-cause it is starting from near zero. Perhaps this is right. After all, the initial Mondex trial in Swindon,

Yet the Bank could be in for a surprise over the speed with which Internet transactions take off. It is a phenomenon unto itself, with an estimated million new users a month, and something whose utility those users swiftly discover. After all, from that first inquiry on day one, the num-ber of daily hits on the Bank's own Web page has grown to 75-100, and climbing.

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FIRST TEST: Injuries to paceman and Hussain places burden on Brown and Mullally against Pakistan at Lord's today

England troubled by loss of Lewis

Cricket Correspondent

be constantly at full strength, but quite another thing to have two key players taken away suddenly. That is the situation facing England at Lord's this men will find themselves under morning, when they begin the important first Test against Pakistan without Nasser Hussain and Chris Lewis. Both players failed fitness tests yesterday and with only 13 players selected, both Nick Knight and Simon Brown will play, the latter making his debut at the age

Knight, himself a victim of a fractured finger in the Edgbaston Test against India, will slot back into the opening position, with Alec Stewart dropping a place to assume Hussain's role at No 3. But if the batting order is only slightly disrupted. I ewis's absence from the bowling line-up makes it one of the greenest selected.

With only 24 England appearances between them, Dominic Cork - a veritable veteran with 13 caps - will have to be at his aggressive best if England are to bowl Pakistan out twice.

Lewis, who has looked impressive so far this summer, will

he proved when he clocked 83mph on the speed gun dur-ing net practice - Lewis would have been crucial in keeping the It is rare for a cricket team to Pakistan batsmen roughed up and on the back foot. They are by nature a impetuous lot, but if they are allowed to settle and build big scores, England's bats-

greater pressure than usual. It is also the first time that England have played two leftarm pace bowlers, an unusual choice but one which Atherton felt perfectly at ease with during nets yesterday. "I don't see that there is a problem," he said.

"Teams often play three or four right-armers. They are different types of bowlers. Alan Mullally has more pace and bounce while Brown has that priceless asset of swing. [Pakistan] have lots of left-handed batsmen, and we think this change of an-gle might pose them problems."

With both Atherton and David Lloyd having spent much of the morning giving evidence in the Botham/Lamb v Imran Khan case in Court 13 on The Strand, England's preparations were less than ideal and Lloyd, in particular, appeared flustered as England went about

Pakistan, on the other hand, appear confident and ready to be sorely missed. As the one show their passionate support- Mushtaq: two sensational fast captains were quick to bowler with real pace - a point ers that they are back to winning bowlers and a spinner second play down the possibility of be sorely missed. As the one show their passionate support-

their practice.

laxed," Wasim Akram,the captain, revealed. "I feel there will definitely be a result. We're here to play positive cricket. With variety in our bowling and experience in our batting I know we can achieve victory. Unlike just about every oth-

er team that plays at Lord's har Middlesex - Pakistan are considering the unconventional approach of playing two spinners. However, much will depend on Wasim's assessment of the pitch this morning. If the moisture content is low he may play the extra spinner Sagla Mushtaq, whose youthful offbreaks would complement the

leg-spin of Mushtaq Ahmed. However, with showery rain keeping the pitch under wraps for most of yesterday, any water present is likely to be retained, and the extra seam bowler seems the more likely option. The final choice between Atar-ur-Rehman and Mohammad Akram is likely to go the former's way on previous experience.

Whoever Wasim finally picks, it will in all probability be the least of England's problems, Before they even start thinking about the choice of fourth bowler, they will have to contend with Wasim, Wagar and



only to Shane Warne in terms

of turning matches.
With the publication of several books and the continuing saga in the High Court helping to focus on the negative history between the two sides, both

this being an ill-tempered series. and Was [Akram] being good World Cup, are eager for a re-

"I think it is important that both sets of players retain their perspective," Atherton said.
"The cricket will be hard and competitive, but it is important we strive to maintain good relations off the field, and I think

England have not won a series against Pakistan since 1982 and will be keen to prove their series win against India was no one-off. Likewise Pakistan. who after a period of calm af-

turn to form. After winning here in 1982 and 1992, they are the bookmakers' firm favourites, a position a disrupted England will have to play exceedingly well to upset.

ENGLAND (v Pakistan, first Test, Lords, today): M A Atherbon (capt), N V Knight, A

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Impires: P Willey and S Bucknot

More radical moves afoot in Yorkshire south Africa cruise to victory

DEREK HODGSON

reports from Scarborough Somerset 309; Yorkshire 0-0

Yorkshire followers stunned by Tuesday's draconian decision to play only at Headingley and Scarborough in future should steel themselves for another shock: Yorkshire may do without an overseas professional next season.

The protracted negotiations with Sachin Tendulkar will almost certainly collapse because of the next Indian captain's ough the only out-ground will overs were lost to overnight rain,

unavailability next season, India's Test schedule means that they will not leave the West Indies until the end of May, and Tendulkar might be required again before September.

these shores in 1997 with Australia, Yorkshire, rather than sign a player who is less than world class, may opt to do with-out oext year hefore re-signing the Australian for 1998. All counties have agreed to dispense with foreign players in the World Cup year of 1999.

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Starting today

SRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPI-MSHIP (First day of five, excluding Spriday):

215, 9-25, 9-26; Bowling: Schult; 10-2-35-2; Gobs 9-0-41-1; Crookes 9-0-59-1; Anams 8-0-45-2; Boye 4-0-32-1; Ackerman 8-0-52-0, Umphress: V A Hotoer and M K Reed,

(Gloucestershire won toss)
SOUTH AFRICA A
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be wholly popular with the Yorkshire players. Five of the 10 highest match aggregates in the county's history have been reached here, and the two Championship matches here have been regarded; all summer, as an impediment to Champi-With Michael Bevan visiting onship ambitions.

This is why Andy Fogarty was called from Headingley to help with the preparation and why David Byas, taking heart from a greenish surface, sent in Somerset. In fact, the only difference from the usually flat, slow track is a little extra bounce. Twelve play continued all day in a cold half-gale off the North Sea, and Yorkshire added to their hand-wood, kept beating the bat. icaps by dropping two catches. Somerset began with 86 off 27 overs, their best Champi-

onship start, before Peter Hartley, returning after lunch and seaming the ball, won two decisions against the openers. Keith Parsons was then dropped at second slip when five, off Chris Silverwood, and Richard Harden, when 18, dropped off Hartley, the ball diverting from keeper through slips. The third wicket went on to raise 122 in 39 overs, grim

wood, kept beating the bat. Twenty-nine of the runs came

in three overs after tea before Darren Gough thrashed out a little more bounce and pace, with Parsons mis-hitting to midwicket and Andrew Hayhurst being caught bang in front off successive balls. Harden's defiance ended when the next chance went to the best slip. Shane Lee failed to clear the

midwicket boundary as Silverwood contributed another sustained spell of cleverly varied

Round-up

South Africa A picked up their second one-day win of their England tour when they beat Gloucestershire by 28 runs at Cheltenham yesterday.

Put in on a good hatting wicket they lost Sven Koenig in the first over but with three halfcenturies recovered to make 297 for 8. They bowled out Gloucestershire for 269 with two overs to spare after the Gloucestershire opener Rob Cunliffe had been taken to hospital with a knuckle injury to his left his score of 17. He has been ruled out of the

Championship match against Warwickshire at Cheltenham today and his fellow opener Tony

Wright is out with a groin strain.
The long-serving wicketkeeper David Ripley pulled Northamptonshire out of trouble with 71 not out in two and three-quarter hours in their Championship match against Wor-cestershire at Kidderminster.

Ripley, 29, recalled because of Russell Warren's broken thumb, put on 88 for the ninth wicket with a partnership of 54.

hand. He returned to bat again with Andy Roberts (39), and at No 11 but added only one to gathered a further 61 in an unbroken stand with Paul Taylor (30no). That enabled Northants to raise 294 for 9 after having slumped to 145 for 8. The slow left-armer Richard Illingworth took 4 for 64 for Worcestershire.

Northants had twice seemed to be in a position to make more of an easy-paced pitch. The openers Alan Fordham (29) and Richard Montgomerie (34) were relatively untroubled in a stand of 53 and Kevin Curran (40) and David Capel (32) put the cooditions into perspective

Britannic Assurance County Championship

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Hoch calls Ryder Cup veto 'asinine'

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Hoch, who starts the defence his title at the Dutch Open at Hilversum today, is secand in the US Ryder Cup points table behind the new Opeo champion, Tom Lehman.

Interiors: V A Holder and M K Reed.
SECOND 30 CHARLESONSHIP (Final day of filme):
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not very good at links golf". The entry at Hilversum includes John Daly, Sam Torrance, Costantino Rocca, Howard Clark and David Gilford, plus the British Amateur champion, Warron Bladon.

Baseball

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota 3 Battmore 2; New York Yankaes 6 Texas 0; Toronto 3 Caveland 1; Oakland 8 Chicago White Sox 4; Karsas City 7 Boston 5; Milwaukee 7 Seat-de 3; Detroit 8 Californa 3.

Bob Lee, the International Boxing Fed-eration president, has been accused of eration president, has been accused of taking bribes to ng the world rankings system of the IBF, one of boxing's three major sanctioning bodies. The New York Post quoted an unidentified boxing manager who said he gave Lee payments of £15,000 and £7,000 to get higher rankings for heavyweights. Lee rejected those allegations. "I'm paid well enough to do my job. I don't have to take nickels and dimes from these guys," (e.e., founder of the IBF, said.

Cricket

Surrey are guing the Ireland page bowler Mark Patterson a that in their second XI this week. He is in the current match against Hampshire at The Oval and will against Hampsinte at the Over and will also play in tornomow's Bain Hogg elim-inator against Kent. Patterson impressed the Surrey captain, Alec Stewart, in last year's Benson and Hedges Cup the at The Owel and when the second XI coach, Tony Pigott, played against him in an MCC match he recommended the county have a closer look. a closer look.

a closer look.
Cricket charls vesterday announced they will continue their investigations following a meeting with the unnamed Sussex player who tested positive for drugs. The three-man Doping Control Panel, headed by the Nottinghamshire chairman, Alan Wheelhouse, and also comprising a representative of the Cincketers' Association and a member of the disciplinary committee, met the player yesterday in Brighton. But they refused to name the player, who has tested positive twice, until their investigations into the matter are complete.

Football The former Stockport manager Danny Bergara has been appointed as No 2 to Darlington's director of coaching, Jim Platt, whose contract at Feethams has been extended by a year to the end of

the 1997-98 season.
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champion, has been appointed captain of the International tream in the President's Cup – less than a week after a players' revolt forced David Graham to resign. The President's Cup is contrested by the United States and a rest of the world side made up of players not eligible for Ryder Cup selection. Australian Thomson, now 65, said: "I am very pleased to have been asked to serve as captain this year. This competition has become meaningful to the players and to the public in a very short period of time, and I look forward to being part of it."

ENGLISH WOMEN'S AMATEUR STRINGEPLAY CHAMPIONISHE (Utile Aston): Leeding second round scores: 1A2 S Gollopher (Trentiam Porth 69 73. 1A6 L Walters (Chemital Polyer (Northeworth): 77 3°C, Placiaties (Sondinger Ports): 77 3

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Rugby Union

Gregor Townsend will skipper Scotland in their international against the Bar-barlans at Munayfield on 17 August. The stand-off will deputise as captain for Rob Wainwright, who is suffering from a re-curing groin strain and misses the match which has been arranged to support the Which has been alreaded at support to the Durablane appeal. Warminght is one six Test players unavailable, with fellow injury victims Graham Shiet, tan Jardine, Hown McHernite, Bryan Redpath and Peter Wright also on the sidelines. Plans to move Gloucester rugby ground out of Kingsholm because of traffic prob-lems have met resistance from local councillors. A motion proposing that the

council would in no way enco club to move from the city was backed Derek Bevan, the Welsh referee, will be in charge of his 33st international when he controls the last of the five meet-

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football

Football
7.30 unless stated
PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES: Anis v Particle
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Chorley v Rochade; Cravity v Fulham; Dery City v Gentoran; Firm Harp; v Purnice;
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Other sports GOLP: Guardian Instit Holidays Women's Open (Saggist, Co Dublini, British Seniors (Portrush).

SpeedwayPREMER LEAGUE: London v Seotish Monachs (7.30), Middlesbrough v Chidley Heath & Stoke (7.45); Shaffield v Swindon (7.45).

TENNES: LTA Inter-County Championship (Eastbourne): Mon's Northern Electric Oper IDawid Lloyd Centre, Newcastle).

PRINCE OF WALES CUP WEEK (Forrey,

Commission Fourth race provisional re-sults; 2 A Fitzgerati and M Beandge (GB) 1370, Victors, Echenor Saling Club; 2 J Hert-ley, 1 Title (GB) 1368, Tichenor saling club; 3 R Bridge, A Goodchild (GB) 1355, Granny Rides Again, Tichenar saling club. Snooker

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1996 REGRI, WELSH OPEN Qualifying, fourth round: D Taylor bt 6 MacDonald 5-3; C Harrison bt J Burns 5-4; S Harrison bt J Burns 5-4; S Harrison bt J Burns 5-6; S Harrison bt J Morelens bt A Borg 5-0; O Coles bt M Weltmann 5-1; P McCullagh bt G Conquest 5-1; B Harrison 5-1; P McCullagh bt G Conquest 5-1; B Harrison bt A D'Connor 5-1; Q Harris bt A Bishop 5-3; T Port bt Q Massey 5-2; P Hearl bt A Bishop 5-3; T Port bt Q Massey 5-4; Nobertson bt S Hershaw 5-2; E Marning bt N Musley 5-2; P Walace bt

6.30: 1. OSOMENTAL (A Mackey) 4-1 fav. 2. I Can't Remember 5-1: 3. Threeplay 11-1. 10 ran. 1/1, 2. (0 Haydri Jones), Total 5-90: 22-50, 61-90. 53.00. Dust Forecast: £11.00 Computer Straight Forecast: £24.17.

£11.00 Computer Straight Forecast: £24.17, hcast: £196.32. Tho: £91.60. 7.00: 1. CONTOSSER (W Woods) 2-11 w; 2. Night Of Glass 14-1; 3. Home Cookin' 6-1. 14 ran. 1, 5, IS Woods: Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.10, £2.00, DF. £16.70, CSF: £14.14, Inc. £28.10. 714-14. Tro: £28.10.
7-30: 1. GOODWOOD LASS IN Carson)
100-30: 2. Blue Hopper 8-1; 3. Leve Me
Do 8-1. 13 tan. 5-2 kw Select Star. 2. //
(I Dunbol. Tobe: £3 60, £1.10. £2 30, £3.10.
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S.15: 1. THATCHMASTER: Paul Eddey! 61: 2. Super Hero 14-1: 3. Tormal 9-1: 4.
Little Kenny 12-1: 18 ram, 11-2 try Acquitat.
1/4. V. (C. C. Horgan). Totac: £5.50; £1.40,
£5.10, £2.20, £1.90. Qual Forecas: £95.40,
Computer Straight Forecas: £90.55. Tricast: £696.72. Tric. £1.49.0.

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Shoumestare 10-1: 3. Perty Romannes 9-2.
10 ram, 6-4 try Royal Amaretto (Min. 7., shot.). (H. Cecil. Totac: £3.70, £1.80, £2.00, £1.70. OF: £12.70. CSF. £35.34. Tho: £22.00. NR. Bubbly.

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7.15: 1. BALLYNAKELLY IS Sorders: 54 Gy; 2. Tudor Island 8-1; 3. Sibrad 5-1.
9 ran. 2/n, nk. (R Akehurs) Tote: £2.60;

R Wheelhouse 5-2; A Grieve bt P Davison 5-3; M Durn bt M Bray 5-2; C Glossest bt M Gray 5-4; f Hurdman bt S Prest 6-4; H Abernedby bt I Sargeant 5-3; I Bullmot bt J Buckingham 5-2; C Strede bt S Whalley 5-2.

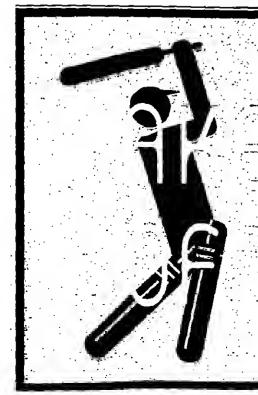
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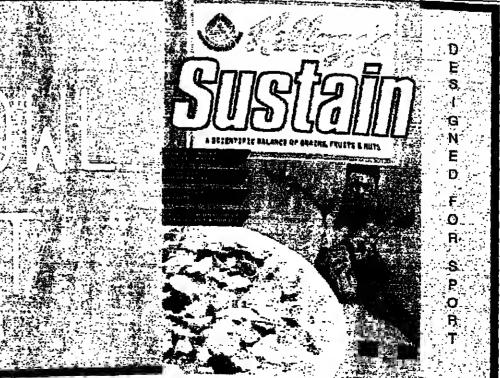
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> 7.45: 1. CATCH THE LIGHTS (Dane O'Neell 9-4 far; 2. Nunsharpa 3-1; 2. N The trainer Mick Ryan was

vesterday fined £400 by the Jockey Club after being found guilty of failing to notify the Racing Ca endar office of the arrival of Jayk within three days of his arrival in 1994 and his failure to correct the Horses in Training returns.

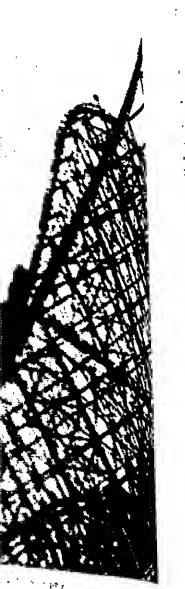
■ The Thirsk trainer Lynda Ramsden and her husband, Jack, enter race sponsorship when they back a race at Newcastle on Saturday. The Ramsdens are to sponsor the Gwen Bush Foundation Amateurs' Handicap after promising Newcastle's owner, Stan Clarke, that they would do something to celebrate his pur-chase of the track.







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Swinburn and Hills the persuaders

Racing

Without going within 10 miles of a starting stall, two of Britain's leading jockeys yesterday added another significant achievement to their distinguished career records.

For Michael Hills, it was the rare feat of persuading the Jockey Club that a riding ban imposed by local stewards was unduly harsh, and he will now be free to ride Pentire, the favourite, in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot oo Saturday. Walter Swinhurn, meanwhile, learned that his painful struggle back to fitness after a oear-fatal fall in Hong Kong five months ago is almost over, and that he will be free to return to race-riding on

11 August. Hills was the first to emerge from Portman Square in cheerful mood, having had the threeday ban for careless riding imposed by the Doncaster stew. ards eight days ago reduced by a single day. This was sufficient to invoke a rule allowing the jockey to delay or split his han to avoid missing a ride in a Group One race and as such, the decision was a significant victory not just for Hills, but also for those who helieve a punishmeot should fit the crime. Certainly, the rider believed races.

that anything less would have

Goodwood next week.

trainer, Mark Johnston, "Il was

a very hard decision," Johnston

said. "As a matter of principle,

RESULTS

2.15: 1, PISTOL Flout Eddey) 3-1; 2.
Askern 13-8 for 3, Arcady 5-2, 7 rast, 1,
4;. (C Horgen, Wolungmam). Totac £4.10;
£1.70, £1.60, DF: £3.50, CSF: £8.43, NR:

2.48: 1 STAR OF GOLD (R Hughes) 12-1;

2.45: 1. STAR OF GOLD (R Hughes) 12-1; 2. Great Bear 50-1; 3. Mayle Bay 11-2, a rau, 13-8 fav My Gallery (4th. 1, 4, 6, 6 Cryston, Chaddisworth), Tota: £14.00; £3.70, £5.10, £1.90, DF; £142.80, CSF; £273.00.

FE.10. £1.90. DF: £142.80. GSF: £273.00. Trast: £3,241.45.
3.15: 1. DMANUTIVE (M Henry) 5-6 fav; 2. Nascom Alsahar 13-8; 3. Finishary Flyer 5-1.8 ren. 1.14. 1.0 HRS, Lambourn, Fotor £1.90. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.43.
3.45: 1. BRAMBLE BEAR (A Clark) 5-2; 2. Aeges no Sound 5-1; 3. Descontentightensy 13-2. 5 rass. 10-11 fav Brazilla (4th). 3. ¼ (M Blansherd, Upper Lambourn). Totor £3.20: £1.40. £2.20. DF: £4.90. CSF: £3.54. NR. Jeffrey Anothered. 4.15: 1. KB.DEE LAD (B Doyle) 6-1; 2. Shadow Jury 3-1; 3. Rassbold 15-2. a ran. March 15-4. A Long, £63.

4.15: 1. KULDÉE LAD (8 Doylel 6-1; 2: Shardow Jury 3-1; 3. Rambold 15-2. 8 ren. 13-8 fav Pointer (4th). Nr. 1½. Nr. Jones, Enstbury). Totes: £7.80; £3.20, £1.80. DF: £73.00. CSF: £23.23.

4.45: 1. PARADISE NAVY (R Hughes) 5-2; 2. Special Boot 13-8 fav; 3. Wadada 100-30. 8 ran. 1½. ½. (C Egerton, Craddieworth). 7otes: £3.10; £1.10. £1.40. £1.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.64. Treast: £11.11.

Placepot: £95.10. Quadpot: £16.60. Place 6: £152.15. Place 5: £91.53.

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2.30: 1, POLY MOON () Carrolly 7-2: 2.

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Abstone Queen 12-1; 3, Cajum Sunset 4-1, 12 rat, 3.1 fav Grovefar Marden, 11/4, 1

under orders. Rule 4 applies to an usas, co-duction 10p in the pound. 3.30: 1 WILAWANDER (M Hills) 1.5 fav. 2. Behrantta 8-1; 3. Totam Dancer 8-1. 8 ran. 9, 14. 18 Hills, Lamboum), Totar 51. 70; £1.10, £1.90. Df: £1.80, CSF: £2.55.

4.00: 1. NASHAAT (P. McCabe) 4.1; 2. Pine idge Lad 2.1 far; 3. Another Nightmans

6-1.8 ram. Hd. sht.-hd. IM Chapman, Mar. 6-1.8 ram. Hd. sht.-hd. IM Chapman, Mar. 6-1.40. 51.40. 51.40. 3.60. DF: £6.30. CSF: £13.21. 7003St.

5.00: 1. GNEEKY CHAPPY (K Date): 4-1: 5.00: 1. GNEEKY CHAPPY (K Date): 4-1: 2. Thursda 3-1 fav; 3. My Godson 11-2, 10

5.00: 1. CHEEKY CHAPPY (K Darley) 4: 1: 2. Therash 3:1 fov, 3. My Godson 11: 2. 10 ren. 5. %. (D Chapman, York). Toke: 5.4 Gt; £1.80. £1.80. £2.90. DF: £6.50. CSF: £1.50.3. Trosst: £60.18. Tros £8.20 Placepot: £21.90. Quadpot: £1.90. Place 6: £17.67. Place 5: £4.77.

■ Bin Rosie tackles the Listed

Prix Jacques de Bremont over

a mile at Maisons-Laffitte today.

Richard Hughes' mount takes

Paul Kelleway's Hanan and

Peter Ocean Ridge were among

yesterday's seven acceptors for

the Group Two Prix Robert Pa-

on five rivals.

Weaver will not appeal

er jockeys will be pleased that I have come and altered a decision given on the spur of the moment," Hills said. "On the day it definitely looked careless, but they didn't take into account the other horse's head carriage, how hard he was pulling and how much trouble he was giving Kevin Darley.

"Maybe I would have appealed even if the King George

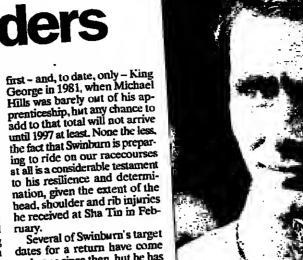
been harsh indeed. "I think oth-

wasn't involved. I felt hard done by. It was careless riding at 8.30 at night after I had been in the car for nine hours, but it

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Passage Creeping (Brighton 3.45) NB. He's Got Wings (Brighton 3.10)

was not dangerous in any way. It was minor and I felt it deserved a minor penalty."

Ooe weighing room colleague who might applaud the decision less heartily than most is Michael Roberts, who was booked to partner Pentire if Hills's appeal proved unsuccessful. Since he has two King George victories to his credit already, though, Roberts would surely not begrudge Hills the best chance he is ever likely to have to win one of Britain's most important championship Walter Swinhurn won his



Swinburn: Back on track next month but not certain to resume link with Sheikh Maktoum Photograph: Ray Wright

Swinburn may now find that he must struggle to regain his place in the first team. With the Ebor meeting at York opening barely a week after his return. he will be keen to re-establish his long-standing associations with both Michael Stoute and Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum.

Yet Swinhurn will not be an automatic choice, it seems, "We can't really comment on what Walter will ride for us," Joe Mercer, Sheikh Maktoum's racing manager, said yesterday, "but we don't have a retainer any more and most of the jockeys that have been riding for us will stay on the horses. It's good news that he's got his li-

cence back but we all thought it would be a lot of earlier than

The leading players for Sat-urday's King George figure prominently in William Hill's unusually early list for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp in October, though the narrow favourite at this stage is Zagreb, the Irish Derby winner,

NMG GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH STANES (Ascot, Sahurday): Tote: 5-2 Pentire, Shaamti, 9-2 Classic Cache, 7-1 Strategic Choice, 8-1 Oscar Schinder, 11-1 Farsean, 14-1 Liso, 16-1 Singapel, 33-1 Song Of Yare, 50-1 Annus Mirabiles, 9-2 Swelin (with a run), 50-1 Annus Miradins, 5-2 Sweat part of their.
PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE (Longshim),
6 October William Hill: 6-1 Zogteb, 7-1 HeNESSO, 8-1 Rivadian, 10-1 Dorazan, Shearnit,
Sacan, 12-1 Pentins, 20-1 Cosse Cliche, Tarator, Valanciar, 25-1 others.

Harbour is Ebor favourite

SIS grow away from Chrysalis Celeric was yesterday offered at 12-1 by leading bookmakers to Satellite Information Services is to set up its own wholly-owned television outside-hroadcast op-

pattern race at Deauville.

winning the Northumberland Plate and supplemented gains at York this month. But he has risen 11lb in the ratings since his Plate win and William Hill and Ladbrokes take the view that the gelding faces a stiff task after being allotted 9st 7lb in the weights published yesterday.

Both firms make Harbour

Dues, an eyecatching Royal Ascot third and allocated 7st

Celeric landed a gamble in

continue his improvement and secure the £100,000 Ebor Handicap at York on 21 August, but his trainer, David Morley, warned punters contemplating a bet on the four-year-old to hang fire.

Morley said: "I wouldn't want anyone to back the horse until much nearer the time." Other possibilities for Celeric are the Lonsdale Stakes at York, and a

8lb, the 7-1 favourite for the one mile six furlong handicap. PORM GUIDE

YASHIMAK is held in high regard by Henry Ceci and her first test want smoothly enough at Newmarker — the well-related daughter of Danzig releting the task when hitting the upful climb to the line. Today's seventh furiong is going to be in her favour as her breeding suggests, being out of the dam Slightly Dangerous, who has innown the Deeby whiner Companies in Civil, top miler Warning and blassy 12-furiong colf Deploy. If Yashimak needed further boost it came with the subsequent wins by Luca Cumani's pair, Man Howa and a further boost it came with the subsequent wins by Luca Cumani's pair, Man Howa and Grapesnot, who made the frame behind this except filly at Headquarters. It was impressive to see the way Green's suck out her neck to beat the newconier colf Medaaly here 19 days ago. The other four in that race were also coits and Green's is the one Yashimak has to days ago. The other four in that race were also coits and Green's is the one Yashimak has to beat. The filly Formanda beat on her Nottingham debut (Haldaniyah) waitzed home in a small race need time. Ferhanda followed up from previous winner Witching Hour at York and she is another here bred to do even better over this longer time. Red Caunellin is a half-sis-

arrou race treat unde, remanding tonowed up from previous winner Witching Hour at York and she is another here bred to do even better over this longer trip. Red Cavandlin is a half-sister to Red Azaleo, who was not good enough in the May Hill Stakes after a debut win. She is asked a similar question lifter winning, in good style at Carlista and, even with Richard Quinn booked, may just back the necessary foot to collect. Rech in Love, imperisons Air and Lycility do not look up to this test. 4.00 PYCRAFT & ARNOLD HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 3YO 1m 6f Penalty Value £5,550 15-3155 PINE NEEDLE (19) (Lord Holdad O Mortey 9 7... 0-06613 WILAGE KING (17) (N Ahamad) 9 Hannon 9 4... 60-1043 SHU GAA (19) (W K Al Ediel) W Hangas 8 13... Pat Bidery 2

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VALLAGE KING looks a safer bet than Shat Gas. Two sound rurs have followed Village King's soon to Lakeline Legand at Newmarkst last month. He came late to best Generose at Salsoury when stopped up in detance and he third to Berlin Blue at Ripon was made to look isoury when Berlin Blue bottowed up at Ayr on Sunday. Village King looks just the type to better when Berlin Blue indowed up at Ayr on Sunday. Village King looks just the type to better when Berlin Blue at Ripon was made to look isource after the stage of the sta VILLAGE KING looks a safer bet then Shu Gee. Two sound runs have followed Village King's

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FORM GUIDE.

CLAN CHIEF has a fine chance of adding to his course win three weeks ago. He has a good draw und meets Milindrace on idempost terms after having this mel two lengths addit when beating Fairy Prince here. Can Chief had earlier finished closer to Bowciffe Grange at Lingbeating Fairy Prince here. Can Chief had earlier finished closer to Bowciffe Grange at Lingbeating at Windson; and he also finished eight lengths field than did Milindrace behind that gliding at Windson; and he also finished eight lengths field than did Milindrace behind that gliding at Windson; and he also finished eight lengths field than did Milindrace behind that gliding at Milindrace to the first state of the course and meets Clan Chief on 13th better terms today besten the older horses on this course and meets Clan Chief on 13th better terms today when takent into account Denis Sweenev's 7th claim. Bushton matter winner States End. beaten the older hosses on this course and meets Clan Crief on 1.3to Detter terms today when taking into account Dens Sweeney's 7th claim. Brighton maken winner Stoueney End has to daily the outside draw, while Dander Hyer is just a shade out of touch at present and may talk again despite taking a scenable drop in class. Pharatein's Joy is hard to fancy after marraging only fourth to the Wad at Ropon, while Miljass, a debut winner from Alpine after marraging only fourth to the Wad at Ropon, while Miljass, a debut winner from Alpine the Course at Implicated was found to be retilied on that course last time when her bit enter menogens very rounds to the treed or report, where mapes, is usual whereit from report.

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GUESSTEMATION, from Jeff Pearce's in-form stable, races off a 5th lower mark compare GUESSTIMMATION, from Jerf Pearce's m-torm stable, races ont a bit lower man; compared to his win from a big field in an apprentices' race at Newmorket last September. He has a capable parmer in Royston Firench and recent efforts against the decem plater North Ardar at Report and Nelly's Cousin at Folkestone show him to be in good heart. A 5th penalby takes Almaharam's weight to 10st 1th and his recent Redcar win from Dancing Destiny by takes Administrator's weight to 10st 1to and his recent neutral win from particing Destriy was in a poor race. Windyodge, along with Akmuntaram, is indoen by a boy seeling his first writer. But interestingly, Gary Brace rode Windyodge last time in a decent maden with Shanakace so the combination have to be in with a shoul in this low-key handscap. Zalwan Signaturable so the committeeon have to be in with a signal in this k-w-wey horizon, a security is pretty moderate and is unably to win despite searing a visor for the first time, out Shouldbegrey can be considered on his fourth to Ret Frem at Windsor and he may have build the sand at Woverhampton programme next time. Master M-E-N just about holds Zahran the sand at Woverhampton programme next time. Master M-E-N just about holds Zahran at the weights on his facility and second to Absolutely sturing the Red Tre Affair has it.

BRIGHTON

2.00 Sharp Hat 2.35 Linda's Joy 3.10 He's Got Wings 3.45 Farmost 4.20 Pearl Dawn 4.55 Crystal Heights

GOING: Firm (watering).

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BRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best over 5f & 6f.

Left-hand, U-shuped course, unduinting and sturp.

Course is 2 of town. Follow supposts from town centre. Brighton station 1m (fast service from London, Victoria). ADMISSION:

Camb \$12 (accompanied under-16s free); Tattersalls \$8; Silver Ring.

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BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Courbard (vicored, 126), Linda's Joy (visored, 225), Possessive Artiste (vicared, 145), Indrapasa (vicored, 420),
Uncle George (4.30), Linda Geat (4.5), Indrapasa (vicored, 4.20),
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Khabar (3.10) & Venus Vistorious (4.20) sent 252 miles from 8 Earthman's Linton stable in
West Yorkshire; General Glow (3.10), Best Kept Secret (4.20)
& Marino Struct (4.55) sent 213 miles from P Evans's Leighton
stable in Powys; Linda's Joy (2.35) & Indrapara (4.20) sent 163
miles from M Pipe's Nicholashsyne stable in Devon, Mrs Keen
(2.35) sent 158 miles from R Simpson's West Buckland stable in
Somerset; Naseer (2.35) & Tout De Val (2.35) sent 156 miles
from K Bishop's Spaxion stable in Somerset.

2.00 EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 270 7f

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2.35 KINGSTON SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 3f 196yds

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- 9 december - For 10th. True handlens weights: Tout De Val 7st 8th, Tayton Remail 7st 7b, Mrs Kent 7st 6b.

BETTING: 8-4 Linda's Joy, 7-2 Courbert, 6-1 Coloer Counsellor, 5-1 Moving Up, 10-1 Boston Ton Party, Mrs Kenn, 16-1 others

3.10 WEATHERBYS' MAGAZINE HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 3YO 1m 2r

- 10 declared - 10 declared - PETING: 4-1 Efficacions, 9-2 Shellans, 5-1 Creeking, Pride of Ka

3.45 JOE BLANKS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m

4.20 ROCK GARDENS CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 71

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12 - 00 PRINCESSE LYPHARD (X7) M Polysses 3 8 0 ____ N Carrieds 8

BETTING: 11-4 Blockade, 3-1 Pearl Device, 6-1 to Machiners, Indrapora, 6-1

Best Kept Secret, Unite George, 10-1 Balance Of Power, 20-1 others

PRESTON PARK LIMITED STAKES (CLASS 4.55 F) £3,450 added 6f

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DELECTION: 9-4 Norther, 7-2 Fort Knox, 5-1 Crystal Heights, Price Of Hayling, 6-1 Mediors, 10-1 others

CATTERICK

HYPERION 6.40 Corniche Quest 7.10 Stride 7.40 Ricasso 8.10 Skakiyr 8.40 Bollin Joanne 9.10 Campaspe

GOING: Good to Soft (Good in places).

STALLS: Inside, except of - outside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 51.

Left-hand course, undulating and sharp.

Course is NW of town on A6136, Darlington station 14m - bus service to course. ADMISSION: Club £11; Taitersalls £7; Course £2.50 (under 16a free into all enclosures). CAR FARE:

Members £2, remainder free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Catwall Girl (6.40). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS; Leta (6.10) won at Red-

car on Thursday. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Jaketta Mia (7.40) has been sent LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Jaketta Mia (7.40) has been sent LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Julietta Mia (7.40) has been sent 235 miles by B Billis from Lambourn, Berker, Covniche Queest (6.40) & Dashing Rockwiffle (7.10) sent 235 miles by M Charmon from Upper Lambourn, Berker, Timkerbell (7.10) sent 233 miles by Loui Upper Lambourn, Berker, Timkerbell (7.10) sent 233 miles by Loui Upper Lambourn, Berker, Timkerbell (7.10) sent 231 miles thantingdon from West Iksley, Berker, Stride (7.10) sent 231 miles by M Meade from Sherston, Wikishter, Lahlik (6.40) & Shermood (6.40) sent 230 miles by K Ivory from Badlett, Herts.

6.40 NORA BATTY APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 3YO 77 040000 WELCOME LU (7) JL Herris 7 10

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7.10 OLIVE OYL NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added2Y0 71

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D-50554 LITTLE RETWRNE (6) M Hammond 4 7 10 _____Date Glaunt 2 ____4 declared _____

BETTENG: 6-4 Sheldyr, 7-4 Ladvins, hom, 26-1 Little Recheles, p. 77-51: 8.40 EDINA AND PATSY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450

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9.10 Hange and Bracket Handicap (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 4f 6530 BARAQUEDA (24) J L B/R 4 9 8 033450 DR EDGAR (12) M Dods 494

0106-40 CHANIRY BEALH (186) (D) C Thomson 5 8 11 ... m McKnowe i 440 TOULSTON LADY (27) M Cornectio 4 8 9... 10 00-1302 CAMPASPE (8) (0) J ProSerati 4 8 2 - 10 decimed -

RETURNS: 6-4 Campuspe, 2-1 Controlline, 6-1 Diamond Crosss, 12-1 Bara queta, 16-1 Dr Edger, 20-1 Chaptery Beath, 25-1 others 7.25 GOLDEN DAFFODIL STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £17,000 added (fillies) 1m 2f 38yds

5-15 BATHALDE (35) (D) M Stouts 3 8 5.....

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- 7 declared -TING 5-2 Min Ahman, 11-4 Paparing, 3-1 Buthilde, 5-1 Scarlet Plants

7.55 JACK BROWN BOOKMAKER HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200

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CHEPSTOW HYPERION 6.30 Risky Rose 6.55 The Swan 7.25 Bathilde

7.55 Maibu Man 8.25 Shadow Lead 8.55 King Parrot

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High op to 1m. DEAW ADVANT undulating course.

Left-hand, undulating course.

Course is on A460. Chepstow station (Cardiff – Gloncester line)

ADMINISTRON: Club £14; Tastersalis £10 (OAPs £5). Course \$5 (OAPs 53). CAR PARK: Free

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Spread The Word (visored) (6.30).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS; Failgan (6.30) has been sent 225
miles by C W C Elsey from Malton, N Yorks, Northern Chan (6.30) sert 218 miles by M W Easterby from Sheriff Button, N Yorks.

6.30 LYSAGHT AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 4f 235022 GENERAL MOUNTAR (5) (D) (BP) 8 Meeten 8 12 0 2 222530 OUTSTAYED WELCOME (12) (D) M Haynes 411 11

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12 010456 MESS PRANDA (19) 8 Useedlyn 3 106 ... Mr J L Lieveelin 13 060-000 HATTA RIVER (20) (D) P Delton 6 108 ... Mrss J Westeeli (5) 18 14 50000 CELESTIAL DOLLAR (313) 0 0 Neel 5 106 ... Mrs A Theoretics (18 8 15 503000 LILAG RAIN (28) R Strongs 1 10 2 hir J Dandsraf (5) 1A
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Minatum weight 9st 7th. Inc. handcap weight Writer Agreement 2st 13th.

BETUNE: 5-1 Miss Pravia, 6-1 General Monidae. Augustan, 7-1 Dats Dee,
Bising Rose, 8-1 Nossy Native, Cheveloy Cancer, 10-1 others

6.55 GO EVENING RACING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 2m 49yds -4 declared BETTING: 7-4 Seattle Sagn, 9-4 Macmorris, The Suran, 7-1 Testara 03-3100 TENTARA (3) 5 H25 9 3

- 8 decimed -BETTIME: 11-4 Robellion, 3-1 Mailton Mon., 7-2 John O'Dreents, 5-1 Scores gain, 6-1 Tomay Tempest, 8-1 Tinker Con 8.25 WORTHINGTON DRAUGHT BITTER SKY (CLASS D) £4,750 2YO 6f SHADOW LEAD (14) L Curiem 8 7 _____ BRANDON LACK | Balding 8 5 _____ MILE HIGH M Chennon 8 5 _____ K Darley S _W Lord 4 O GABLESEA (37) 8 Baugh 8 3.... PARIJAZZ M Mesde 7 12. = 5 countrel = BETTING: 5-4 Shadow Lead, 7-4 Brandon Jack, 5-2 Mile High, 20-1 Per 8.55 UNIVERSITY AND LITERARY CLUB HAND-ICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 75 050-00 MAC OATES (38) 0 ARLET = 392..... 0440-00 CAREFUL (20) 8 H253 9 2 00-1311 KING PARROT (40) (0) Let H25550 8 9 0 300000° COURAGEOUS RANGHT (666) (D) ? Hay-sac : 8 12... P Notice 6

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11 051200 ASTERN (7) (C) (D) 1 4 524 5 6 5 5 Drown (3) 13 8 12 5000-4 IMPERIOUS LADY (19) 1 E2-, 32- T Spoils 7
13 0-50003 CEDAR GRI. (3) R HOUSE - 5 1 Amenda Sanders (5) 6

SETTING: 9-2 Reathyards Lady, 5-1 irrepressible, Ning Parot, Alticas Pard, 6-1 Cadar Sid, 7-1 impetuous Lady, Audrey Grace, 10-1 others

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Hills, Jason Weaver has decidaccount the side-on film. ed not to appeal against a sev-"At the same time, we felt the en-day ban imposed by the chances of success were not Beverley stewards on Monday worth Jason taking another day for irresponsible riding. The ban runs from 31 July to 6 August,

which means Weaver will miss the last four days of Glorious Weaver made his decisioo after consulting with his retained

2.50 Yalta

3.25 Yashmak (nb)

Despite the success of Michael I would have appealed. I didn't feel that the stewards took into

off from riding. He is having enough days off as it is." Mick Channon was fined £750 by the Jockey Club's Disciplinary Committee yesterday for a passport mix up that pre-vented Bride's Reprisal, owned

eration to supply pictures from racecourses after the end of its Chrysalis contract in May 1997. SIS chairman, Geoff Lormer,

said the decision had heen reached for "strategic reasons". We have been entirely satisfied with the performance of Chrysalis over four and a half years, hut we are confident this is the right way ahead for SIS," he said.

and gone since then, hut he has

frequently ridden work on the

Newmarket gallops in recent

weeks and yesterday he per-

swaded Dr Michael Turner, the Jockey Club's chief medical

adviser, and the other members

of the Licensing Committee

that he is almost ready to re-

sume his career. Sticking firm-

ly to its guidelines concerning

head injuries, the Committee

will allow Swinburn to ride

when precisely six months have

am very pleased that I have been licensed after a long and

trying time for myself and my

family," Swinhurn said. "1 ac-

cept the reasons for the delay

and I have had a very fair hear-

ing from the Jockey Club. To

wait another three weeks will be

hard but I have always wanted

to get back. Riding is my life.

Like a footballer returning from long lay-off, however,

elapsed since his fall.

by the wife of Kevin Keegan, running at York in May. SANDOWN 4.00 Nikita's Star

4.35 MINDRACE (nap)

5.10 Guesstimation

STALLS: Straight - far side; round course - made. BRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f; low for 7f & 1m. GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places of III KAW ADVANTALE: High for his low for it at 1m.

If Right-hand course. Separate stiff 5f track.

If Course is on A307, 4m S of Kingston, Eaber station (service from London, Waterloo) adjoint course. ADMISSION: Cub & Grandstand (combined) 512; Junior Club (18 - 2byrs) 510; Park 54. CAR PARK: 52 in members (More Lane), remainder free.

SIS RACHIEL ■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: R Hannon = 37 winners from 311 runners at ratio of 11.9% giving a return to s £1 level stake of £68.17; M Stoute = 25 winners, 120 runners, 16.6%, £14.13; J Dunlop = 20 winners, 104 runners, 19.2%, £6.91; ners, 151 runners, 16.6%, £14.13; J Dunlop = 20 winners, 104 runners, 19.2%, £6.91; ners, 16.1%, £36.35; B Cecil = 18 winners, 79 runners, 16.5%, £36.83; P Cole = runners, 18.3%, ±26.83; B Cecil = 18 winners, 79 runners, 16.5%, £36.83; P Cole = 13 winners, 103 runners, 11.9%, £22.20.

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■ LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Biddery = 55 winners, 263 rides, 20.9%, +\$3.7%; L Detail Leading Jockets: Pat Biddery = 55 winners, 263 rides, 13.9%, tori = 39 winners, 214 rides, 18.2%, -\$10.80; W Carson = 26 winners, 187 rides, 13.9%, -\$66.69; T Quinn = 26 winners, 182 rides, 13.5%, -\$21.96; J Bedder = 20 winners, 191 rides, 10.5%, -\$28.2%; It Harrison = 12 winners, 113 rides, 10.6%, +\$1.75.

REINEERED FIRST TRAE: Linie Gent (455).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Mindrace (4.35) won at Bath last Thursday. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Mindrace (4.35) won at Bath last Thursday.

LONG DISTANCE EUNNERS: Impectaous Air (3.25) sert 2.49 miles from E Weymen's

LONG DISTANCE EUNNERS: Impectaous Air (3.25) sert 2.49 miles from R MillCoverham stable in North Yorkshire: Atlantic Miss (4.00) sert 1.50 miles from I M Bradiey's

man's Kentisbeare stable in Devon; Zahran (5.10) sert 1.19 miles from Gay Kelleway's Whit
serphy stable in Devon; Ahmahaaram (5.10) sert 1.19 miles from Gay Kelleway's Whit
serphy stable in Devon.

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FORM GUIDE

Nuck Channon's unrantes are back on song after a quiet spell and DANISH AYR could be another winner for the yard after her debut run behind Dancing Drop at Windsor 10 days ago. A springer in the market, Danish Ayr was slowly away and will come on for the experience. Also, her dam was a juvenile winner over five and six birlongs. Big Ben is another since. Also, her dam was a juvenile winner over five and six birlongs. Big Ben is another size to come on for a debut run. He was eased when held in Delmerly Dancer's race at sure to come on for a debut run. He was eased when held in Delmerly Dancer's race at Brighton and has the favoured for rad to run against. Brighton delha haven when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngster looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but Comorades taded quickly after looking the winner when third of four his youngsters, but the winner when third of four his youngsters, but the market man and the winner when the winner wh

2.50 HEATHROW MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added 1m Penalty Value £3,908

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Katte, 19-1 casers 1995: Gaza Du Lac 3 & 12 L Dessar 6-1 (0 Locat) 15 an FORM GLIDE

YALTA looks capable of bearing the fully Sandblak Karde after his promising debut second to hot isodume Questoma at Windsor 17 days ago. A half-brother to Nesh Terrace and other to have twenty the full second surges and improvement is are recent witnests. Yatha was not stopping in the dooring surges and improvement is as referent witnests. Yatha was not stopping in the dooring surges and improvement is as sured. The newtomer's would not have to be stars to bear Yatia, but Sandblak kase may not sured. The newtomer's adding to get to gips with Barry Hills's once-rocked Shadow Casting, be up to the tasks after fading to get to gips with Barry Hills's once-rocked Shadow Casting be up to the tasks after fading to get to gips with Barry Hills's once-rocked Shadow Casting in April, while Jeopardize has been rested since showing some promise in two maidents in April, while Jeopardize has every look of doing better after a debut run behand Kings in April, while Jeopardize has not one excounters — the Thatching out Thurstandand has a supprise package being by Cadeaux Generation of a seven-furthing winner. Yatchade Hills's booking for the Lady Hernes-trained Inflational Casting Notes and the dam's side, while Kern Darley rides attion is referencing and this gelding has stamina on the dam's side, while Kern Darley rides attion is referencing and this gelding has stamina on the dam's side, while Kern Darley rides.

3.25 MILCARS STAR STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed race) £14,000 added 2YO fillies 7f 16yds Penalty Value £9,758 20000 ZIU TIIDES /I LIDYUS PERIATTY VANDE
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Telebrah = 7 declared = 7 declared = BETTRIG: 7-4 Yesterois, 9-4 Fernandiz, 4-1 Gratel, 19-1 imperators Air, 12-1 Rich in Love, Red Camel-50, 16-1 Lychy 1995 (1702 25 L), Rec 57 , David Sixt

Cruyff's move to United in jeopardy

Football

ANDREW MARTIN

on hold because the Dutchman had insisted he should move to ther as coach." Old Trafford for free.

The United manager, Alex Ferguson, returned home from Spain yesterday convinced he had secured the unsettled son of the former Barcelana manager, Johan Cryuff, for £1.35m.

However, later in the day a spokesman for the Catalan club said: "Relationships between the two clubs have been broken after the player insisted that United must pay nothing to us."

The 21-year-old Dutchman, one of only a handful of Nether-lands players to impress during switch to Elland Road. lands players to impress during Euro 96, is keen to leave the Spanish club since his father was replaced by former England manager Bobby Robson as

very eager to get rid of me," Jordi said. "If I stay, they'll make it tough. They can't stand to see Manchester United's move for my face. The real reason is they Jordi Cruyff appeared to have don't want any Cruyff around, faltered vesterday after but they won't say that. Things have certainly not been easy for

> One transfer deal that appeared to have gone through vesterday took a surprising turn when Nigel Martyn opted to join Leeds United instead of Everton, who believed they had signed the coveted Crystal

> Palace goalkeeper. Leeds interest in Martyn had stalled when a takeover row prevented any cash being made available. However, the sale of Gary McAllister to Coventry City for £3m facilitated the for-

Palace, meanwhile, have been ordered by a transfer tribunal to pay £400,000 for the Southampton midfielder Neil Maddison. The Saints themselves will have "I think in the end the deal a tribunal decide the fee for the

will be made because Barca are 21-year-old Stoke midfielder Graham Potter, who moved to The Deli yesterday.

A former Palace player was recruited by Glenn Hoddle yesterday. The new England coach has appointed Peter Taylor as the first full-time manager of the under-21 team. Taylor, capped for England in the 1970s, will combine his role with scouting duties for Hoddle while Dave Sexton will remain as a senior advisor to the England Under-

21 coaching staff.
The Welsh international midfielder Jeremy Goss has travelled to Edinburgh to secure a move to Hearts. The free transfer from Norwich quit Charlton on Monday for "personal reasons" only a couple of days af-ter agreeing to join them.

The Vauxhall Conference champions, Stevenage Borough, are to appeal against yesterday's High Court ruling that denied them promotion to the Football League after the judge agreed with the club's argument only to say they had brought the action too late.



Wanted man: Jordi Cruyff's move to Manchester United is in doubt after Barcelona put the deal on hold yesterday

Cougars and Larder to go separate ways

Rugby League

Keighley are parting ways with their England and Great Britain coach, Phil Larder, who claims the Cougars cannot afford to hold on to him. Larder will be released when his contract runs

out at the end of this season. The move comes just weeks after millionaire businessman Carl Metcalfe bought the club and promised to plough funds into improving the facilities at Cougar Park.

Under Larder, Keighley fin-ished as Second Division champions and winners of the divisional premiership in 1994-95. They were numers-up in last season's Second Division and are on target to finish as runners-up in the First Division championship.

Larder followed Ellery Hanley as the national team coach. He led England to the Super League European Championship in June and is due to head Great Britain's end-of-season tour to Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Fiji.

Following an investigation into last Saturday's Super League match between Warringion and Bradford a report is to be forwarded to the Rugby Football League chief executive, Maurice Lindsay.

The investigation followed two brawls and damage to a pitchside camera estimated at £100,000. The cameraman was taken to hospital for checks and there was criticism of the referee. Stuart Cummings, after the match by Warrington's coach, John Dorahy.

Tyre refusal riders fined and banned

Thirteen leading riders have been given the heaviest fines in the history of speedway and thrown out of this year's World

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Speedway

Championship. The riders, including the England internationals Carl Stonehewer, David Norris and Simon Cross, were punished after refusing to ride in the World Championship overseas final in Coventry last month on new solid block tyres which they

claimed were dangerous. - The decision was taken by a three-man disciplinary panel of FIM, the sport's world governing body. The riders were fined £2,200 and banned from all FIM World Championship events between now and the end of the year. They were also banned from all international competitions for the next nine months, although this has been suspended for two years.

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McGeechan to coach Lions

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Africa next summer.

lan McGeechan has completed an unprecedented hat-trick by being appointed as coach of the British Lions tour of South

McGeechan has long been ac-

knowledged as one of the finest in another way and at another Cotton, a Lions colleague from coaches in the northern hemisphere and yesterday's announcement by the four Home Unions committee - England are still a part of that - merely

confirmed that The 49-year-old McGeechan, who as director of rugby at Northampton, guided the club into the Courage League First Division last season with a 100 per cent record, is himself a former British Lion. Furthermore he has tasted success in South Africa, having gone to the Re-public in 1974 when Willie-John McBride captained them to a 3-0 series win - the only time in eight visits that they have done so.

Last night McGeechan said: leams are throwing down an awesome challenge to Europe, but we have to play our game

pace next season at club and international level to give us the fullest possible preparation for taking on the Springboks. Down there the Lions are regarded as

the third force in world rugby."
McGeechan's record as coach is testament to his tactical and motivational skills. He masterminded the British Isles 1989 2-1 triumph in Australia. and the Lions - again under McGeechan - went close in New Zealand four years later: In between there was the little matter of a Scotland Grand Slam, when McGeechan plotted the downfall of England at Murrayfield in 1990. The meticulous McGeechan, who coached Scotland from 1988 to The southern hemisphere. 1993, won 32 Scottish caps at centre and fly-half in addition

to eight Lions' appearances.

Along with manager Fran

the Seventies, he will be allowed to have a say in the appointment of an assistant, who will be in charge of the forwards during the gruelling, 13-match tour which incorporates three Tests against South Africa in Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg in late

June and early July 1997.

In announcing the appointment of the former Yorkshire Schools cricketer and geography and PE teacher; the Four Home Unions committee statement emphasised that unity prevails on their front. It read: "Amid the continuing uncertainty about the future of the Five Nations Championship the tours committee of the four Hame Unions...has received renewed undertakings from all four unions of their unequivocal and wholehearted support for the tour."

tracted to play for Wakefield Rugby Union Fontball Club and I must stress that we have had no contact with Paris St-Germain over the player," said Coulson.

Wakefield deny

Griffiths switch

Wake field rugby union club yesterday denied that their for-mer England Under-21 flanker Jonathan Griffiths has switched

codes to join t Paris St-Germain

of the Super League. The 24-year-old has attract-

ed attention from several top

sides, but Wakefield's secre-

tary, Jim Coulson, denied there

had been any contact with the

"Jonathan Griffiths is con-

French club,

Reports had suggested that Griffiths had decided to follow the ex-London Broncos Australian second row, Justin Bryant, as the French club's second major signing of the week.

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This is confirmation of your entry and will enable you to access the score cheek-

ing line.
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Johnson runs towards immortality

It took a world record to wake up America to the talents of a double world champion. Now he is aiming to make Olympic history. Ken Jones reports from Atlanta

hen Michael Johnson talks about the realisation of fame he means last month at the United States Olympic trials in Atlanta. Yes, as recently as that, a world record of 19,66sec in the 200 metres exciting suddenly the interest of a nation that had grown apathetic to athletics.

Early on the morning after Johnson had hiazed heyood the sport's longeststanding mark the requests started coming. Besieged by television he flew to Hollywood for an appearance on the networked Jay Leng chat show, travelling first class, filmed on his journey across the American continent.

Never mind that when Johnson entered the trials he had not lost at 200m in two years (Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, ended the winning streak shortly afterwards in Oslo), at 400 ince 1988; it took that run in Atlanta to establish distinction in his homeland.

"Things changed overnight," he said.
People in the United States got to know who I am. what I am about. I'd had my share of notoriety [sic] and stardom but this was different."

A reserved mao whose unique upright running style confounds sprinting teners that many athletics coaches still hold sacrosanct, Johnson could handle what came at him. "Like the world record I saw it as a bonus," he said. In the context of an approaching Olympics it was more. An opportunity not only to further personal goals but to raise the profile of his sport. "I guess ooe of the things I'd like to be remembered for is that I brought attention to professional track and field in my country." he added.

Such is Johnson's stature that the International Olympic Committee were persuaded to change a traditional Games schedule to accommodate Johnson's quest for gold medals in the 200 and 400m dashes. Beginning in the first round of the 400m on Saturday John-son will be out there attempting to make

Adjustment is critical. Oo Monday Johnsoo doubles in a heat of the 200m and the 400m semi-final. Two days later he goes in the semi-final at 200 and the 400 final, "My game plan will be ex- record was important." actly what it was in the World Cham- In Gothenburg last year, the great- ning with a broken fibula. John pionships," he added "Take things as est modern nthlete; Carl Lewis, blamed son is going for immortality.

In Gothenhurg last summer Johnson hecame the first man ever to win both the 200 and 400 at the World Championships, an achievement he lutends to repeat in the Olympics. "I'm going to do it." he said, "because no man has ever done it before dane it befare.

Technically, Johnson is a one-off, running as erect as a guardsman on parade, covering the track with a peculiar stride, reminiscent of a trotting horse, that is several inches shorter than that of most of his rivals. The critical thing is that Johnson gets in more paces. It is not turn of foot that works for him hut sustained momentum, the range of his speed and durability remarkable.

There is a future but my focus is right there on Atlanta. All my energy is directed at winning those gold medals'

However, to fend off the threat Fred-ericks will carry in the 200m Johnson, even at this late stage of preparation, may have to correct a tendency to get upright too quickly after leaving the starting blocks. "There are flaws in all athletes," he said, "and you are always seeking improvement, but I'm ready. Right now I'm not looking beyond the Olympics. There is a future but my focus is right there on Atlanta, All my energy is directed at winning those gold

Even for an athlete of Johnson's distinction the future is clouded by the minor role his sport plays in the US. "Because of the Olympics, track and field is getting a lot of exposure on television but what happens when the Games are over," he said. "That's why the attention I got after breaking that

Brazil to brink

declining interest on the ahsenee of an heir to his kingdom. "The World Championships were boring," he said. "The electricity wasn't there, no huzz, no passionate missions. The one American they are trying to huild up, Michael Johnson, he doesn't have it. He's not doing anything Some slight on a performer of John-

son's calibre. "I just went out there and made history," he countered. If the essence of Johnson's being is quality of performance, the fulfilment of goals he first set himself at Baylor University, there is humour behind that normally stern demeanour.

Beno Wett, a German-born American who makes sports documentaries for a television network in his homeland, accompanied Johnson on the recent trip to Hollywood. "Michael was very relaxed on the Leno show," he said,

"cracking jokes, showing a side of him-self that isn't always apparent."

On Saturday Johnsoo will return to the task of making history, "It's there to be done," he said. A private man he can afford to raise defences against distractions. "I have a good team, people who take care of my needs, organise my business, endorsemeots, equity, things

Now he has to win. Competing in the heat and humidity of Atlanta, a gold chain bouncing across his broad chest, eyes focused, a hard man who last lost an outdoor 400m in the 1988 US trials when he was running with a broken fibula. John-



Point to prove: Michael Johnson is thirsty for even more fame in. Photograph: Emples

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II, the mount of new US

equestrian squad member Jill

Henneberg. The pair posted

their best-ever score in the

dressage to help the team to a silver medal. Other horses

riden by the squad have cost

up to £70,000.

Eights Pose out in final surge



The British eights were both eliminated on the second day of repechages in the Olympic regatta on Lake Lanier.

The men's eight was never more than a few feet from second place in this race, and with it a place in the final, but despite a heroic finishing sprint, they went out hy two-tenths of a secood, although the photo-finish picture made that look generous. The eight will now race in the B final on Sunday alongside Romania, who had looked certain for a medal before this regatta but who went out in the

nther repechage.

The British women's eight oceded to make fourth place in the repechage, and were third after 500m when less than four seconds covered the field. But they could not hold the pace and slipped back as the other five fought it out, with Australia just catching Germany on the line.

The pity of this defeat is that all the best British women had been put in the eight, which had gathered pace and racing maturity over the last two years. culminating in a new record for the Lucerne course in June. In Atlanta, however, they had allowed the distractions of the inefficient bus service to put them on the front pages and take them off the boil for racing. Most of them will retire, leaving the next generation without the medal-winning example that had seemed possible a

month ago.

The men's lightweight douhie scall of Andy Sinton and Nick Strange ensured their place in the semi-finals with a secure race to heat a fast new crew from Cuba. Strange has a rih injury and did not look completely comfortable in the insists that it is recovering and should be unhindered on Friday. The British men's lightweight

four, including three former world champions, shadowed the Irish over the course, swapping second place with the Austrians until the final surge. when they needed to hold off Spain's late challenge.

Schaeffer shows Australia the way

The Australian team won a deserved second consecutive gold medal in the three-day event which was completed at the Georgia International Horse Park yesterday. They won by a decisive 57.25 points margin from the United States, with New Zealand just 7.45 penalties behind for bronze. The British team finished a

despondent fifth, having moved up a place when Ireland were unable to complete the event as a team. Two Irish horses, Alfie Buller's Sir Knight and Eric Smiley's Enterprise, were withdrawn at the morning's inspection owing to slight unsoundness. The team event was generally

A tireless performance by Mid-

dlesbrough's Juninho, including

a brilliant goal, inspired Brazil

to a 3-1 win over Hungary in Mi-

ami on Tuesday night and put

them back on track to reach the

went out, going down 3-2 to Ghana in a had-tempered

match in Washington DC. After their shock 0-1 defeat

10 Japan in Group D on Sunday, the Brazilians needed to

beat Hungary to have a chance

of qualifying for next week's last eight. They did so in style but

still need three points today against Nigeria, who beat Japan

2-0 in Orlando on Tuesday with

two late goals, to be sure of

Mario Zagallo, for their lethar-

gic start against Japan, the

Brazilians began at a vigorous pace against the Hungarians, al-

though they survived an imme-

diate scare when the goalkeeper,

Dida, fumbled a cross after only

eight seconds and was lucky to

Barcelona's new \$20m (£13m)

signing. Ronaldinho, instead of

Flamengo's Savio was vindicated with a 35th-minute goal. But it

was Juninho who drove Brazil for-

ward in a sparkling display. Af-ter the Hungarians had drawn

level through the second-half substitute, Csaba Madar, it was

Juninho's unstoppable right-

footed shot in the 61st minute

servedly netted a third six min-

The captain, Bebeto, de-

that broke the deadlock.

Zagallo's decision to start with

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going through.
Dressed down by their coach.

In a sad echo of Euro 96, Italy

quarter-finals.

present here than there are horses, in anticipation of the hot and humid cooditions. However, the heat has been so effectively alleviated by the cooling systems and careful monitoring of each horse's temperature and heart rate that none appeared to become distressed.

are more veterinary surgeons

An inexperienced Brazilian, Andre Giovanini, was eliminated for "excessive pressing of a tired horse", thus knocking out his whole team, but this was a result of rider error rather than heat stress. Most riders were happy with the conditions, although the terrain did not suit everyone, and there considered a success. There was general relief that the sport

By Phil Davison

ntes from the end, taking a

through ball from Juninho be-

fore crashing home a drive

from the edge of the area
Brazil will be hoping that
Hungary, now eliminated, beat

or draw with Japan on Thurs-day. Either result would allow

the Brazilians to draw with the

group leaders, Nigeria, but they

are unlikely to risk playing it safe. If they progress, Brazil will meet Mexico, South Korea or

Ghana on Sunday in the quar-

Italy were 2-1 ahead against Ghana with half an hour re-

maining in their Group C match. However, a foul hy Fabio Galante, who hauled

down Augustine Arhinful in

front of goal, earned Galante a

red card and allowed Arhinful

to score from the spot. Ten min-

utes later, Christian Sabah, who

had scored Ghana's first goal,

struck the winner in a game that

The final Group A and B qualifying matches, Argentina look set to qualify with either Portugal or the United States.

who meet in Washington DC.

Argentina's opponents, Tunisia.

eliminated Saudi Arabia in Mi-

ami, look likely to go through

with either Spain or Australia,

In Group B, France, who play

saw 11 yellow cards.

are already out.

who meet in Orlando.

ter-finals.

EQUESTRIANISM By Mary Gordon Watson

could hold its head up with a hold profile, after so many gloomy predictions.

There was a noticeable emphasis on "the team" now that the contest for individual medals is separate. Wendy Schaeffer, who would have taken the individual gold as well as the team medal under the usual formula, was asked if she felt deprived of the double gold achieved by her compatriot, Matt Ryan, in Barcelona. She replied: "No. We

There were some tense mo-ments for Britain as the second

day at Savanna's swung into full-blooded action, but strong

performances from Andy Beadsworth in the Soling and

Shirley Robertson in the Europe

team effort, a shared experience. We got so much support and help from each other, and it was a privilege to be a part of it." Her colleague Philip Dutton on True Blue Girdwood would have taken a silver medal, too, while the third-best performance came

from Blyth Tait on Chesterfield. Schaeffer, still recovering from a broken leg, and the little horse she has had since she was II years old, Sunburst, outshone them all. Having blazed a trail around the crosscountry course, yesterday they completed the only clear round for the Australians, Both Andrew Hoy and Dutton made two

always knew this would be a oever in danger. Both David and Karen O'Connor jumped clear, but Bruce-Davidson fiuished with 16.50 penalties on the less experienced Heyday.

The American team paid tribute to their British coach, Mark Phillips, who has put such effort and expertise into raising them to this high standard. Britain's lan Stark had an un-

happy time. Stanwick Ghost hit three obstacles, though he will surely improve for this ex-perience. William Fox-Pitt's Cosmopolitan and Gary Parsonage's Magic Rogue each had one fence down, but Karen Dixon ended on a better note with a slower but clear round on mistakes, but the team were Too Smart.

Juninho brings Worrying day for Ainslie

SAILING -By Stuart Alexander not knowing as he went ont on the water yesterday whether he

kept the spirits up.

Most worrying was the position of the 19-year old Ben was back on track or facing the Ainslie. In the opening race he most difficult of uphill climbs. finished 27th, perhaps his worst result of the year and at the start Beadsworth and his crew, Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead, of the second race there was were also made in worry in their second race of the day. They had led from start to finmore had news when he was caught in a pile-up with France's ish in the first, but were trying Guillaume Florent and Nick Adamson, of the United States. In typical Ainslie fashion he to recover from a poor start up the first leg of the second when fought back to third, but then they saw the American winner

They thought they could see a gap and went for it only to find they could not quite squeeze round and clipped the mark, forcing them to do a 720 degree penalty turn. That pushed them out to 15th, but they powered back to finish eighth. It left them in third place overall, behind Germany's Jochen Schumann and Madrigali, and nine points clear of Ireland's Garrett

Connolly. Also holding the hronze po-sition after the opening pair of races was Shirley Robertson in the Europe. She fought back from ninth to finish third in the npener and then added a seventh in the second to stay in touch with Kristine Roug of Denmark and Courtney Becker-Dey of the United States.

gali, make a bash of judging the line into the buoy. Holmes' confidence growing

of the opening race, Jeff Madri-

Kelly Holmes is winning her race against time to compete in the 800 metres after intensive treatment on her leg injury.

faced a protest from the

Frenchman, which was post-

The management of the British Olympic athletics team announced yesterday that the double World Championship medallist will ready to time up in the first round on Saturday.

The 26-year-old army sergeant had what she thought was just a bruise diagnosed as the early stages of a stress fracture. But the team's spokesman. Tony Ward, said: "Our medical team is one of the best in the world and Kelly is in safe hands. They are confident they will be able to take her through each round. It is worrying for any ath-



determined competitor and she is looking to be on the start line for her first round.

"If anything, this has taken some of the pressure off her because of the success she had at the World Championships in Gothenburg last year. There has been a great deal of expectation on her.

Oo the prospects of Holmes also running the 1500m later next week Ward said: "It is too early to say. She will be conlete with any injury before a ma-jor championship. But Kelly is 1 know it is a hackneyed phrase athletics.

but she will be taking each round as it comes." Britain's other casualty.

5,000m runner Sonia McGeorge, is hopeful she will be able to contest the first round to-morrow. McGeorge has been suffering tendon damage in her right foot and has been on crutches.

With Sally Gunnell, the de-fending 400m hurdles champion, recovering from an inflamed Achilles tendon, Ward admitted: We have a few war-weary athletes out there. But the team have benefited considerably from the pre-Olympic training camp in Tallahassee and morale is good. The first few days of the Games have shown how difficult it is for Britain to win medals tioning to take medical advice. and it will be no less tough in

Simpson comes to **Britain's** rescue



Great Britain

Rhona Simpson, the Edinburgh striker who makes a hahir of scoring important goals, is unlikely to have chalked up a more important one than the 51st-minute winner against the United States in Britain's third game in the Olympic tourna-ment round-robin.

Britain opted for attack before a large, partisan crowd in the Morris Brown stadium on Tuesday. After their torrid opening game, which they lost 5-0 to South Korea, and then their heroic defensive draw against the Dutch, they knew that only

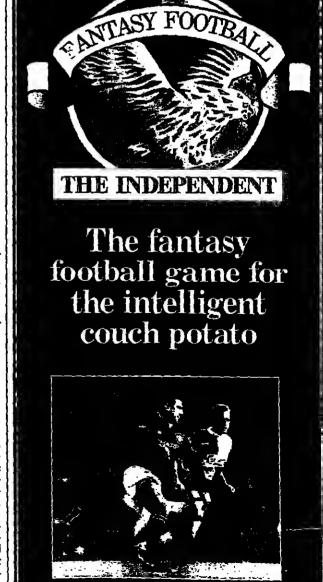
a victory and two points against the Americans would keep alive their medal hopes.

With Jane Sixsmith looking much more like her old self and Mandy Nicholls taking the game to the Americans. Britain put the host naoon under real pressure. But chances were still going begging and a draw was beginning to look likely until Nicholls, who had previously had two very good near misses, weaved past three American defenders and forced her way into the circle to see her pow erful cross deflected into the net by Simpson from close in.

There were some anxious moments, generally created by the bustling Kelli James, in the British circle, particularly after Britain had taken the lead and the Americans pressed for an equaliser but with Hilary Rose again at her sharpest, the defence made precious few errors against the extremely fit, fastmoving Americans.

Britain today play the de-fending Olympic champions Spain, who are still without a point. A cautious British coach, Sue Slocombe, said: "We know Spain well and won't underestimate them despite their poor start here. There is little between all the teams. We are full of confidence after our win and can challenge for a place in the medal matches.

In an ill-tempered men's Pool A game, India, with two goals from Dhanraj Pillay, beat the United States 4-0 to register their first win of the tournament. their first with of the Courtaineal. Great Britaine H Rose (Sution Carada Life): 1 Adden, Grandond Suttrembank, capit; 5 France; 1 Bonagass Grove), K Brown (Stough), K Johnson (Bolsam Lacester); P Robertson (Edinough), M Devices (Sution Carada Life), T Miller (Cition); J Sheprith, Gutton Conada Life), R Simpson (Edinough), A Bennett (Stough), Substitutes used: C Cook (Hightown), T Cutten Rhytnown), M Nicholis (Stough). UnitED STATES: P Shea; B Marous (Capit); P Busun, L Lyness, 1 Rever A Lucas, 1 Furis, M Panivatz, K Filiai, K James, C Weney, Substitutes used: L Martin, L Tchou, O Mad. K Maufinan.



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Hardcastle heads for final in good heart

You have to go back to the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 since a British woman reached a swimming final, so Sarah Hardcastle's qualification for tonight's 800 metres freestyle was worth a serious mention in

dispatches.
The Bracknell swimmer has insisted since she came out of a six-year retirement in 1992 that she would not be putting herself through the chore of training if she did not believe she could win a medal. Yesterday she reinforced that belief, winning her heat with the fourth fastest time, 8min 37.54sec.

"I'm 27, I'm the first [British] woman in a final for 12 years and it's my personal best since I came back. I'm very happy. It's quite an achievement for a littie country like Britain which doesn't get much support."

Hardcastle, a silver and bronze medallist at Los Angeles, was a yard behind for the first half of the race but her metroBy Guy Hodgson

nomic stroke bears down on opponents, even illustrious ones such as the world record holder, Janet Evans. Slowly she recled in the three women ahead of her and at the bell attacked.

"I knew if I kept on Janet's shoulder I could take her on over the last little bit. I wasn't worried about the time, getting into the top eight was the priority."

Barely a day goes by without Michelle Smith being the focus of attention. Yesterday she managed to make the world sit up by a novel method that did not involve her hlazing away from all her opponents. This time she had an injury scare and

a missing drugs test sample.

Ireland's double golden girl
has developed a slight back

from the number of times this week she has had to stoop to allow another medal ribbon to be placed round her neck. In addition her preparation methods were also questioned by her na-tional medical officer, Dr Joe

"She has an injury in the high part of her back caused by the amount of training she does,"

Cummiskey was also irritated that the results of a drugs test on Smith had not been announced. "These should have come out 24 hours ago," he said, "but when we ask the IOC's medical commission they say they are wait-ing for the right batch. We are confident Michelle is negative, she has been tested 11 times in

the last 12 months." In the heats for the 200m individual medley yesterday, she did what she has been doing all week. Won. Indeed, just about every other swimmer in Atlanta

badly as she does.

Sue Rolph, for one, who was in the lane beside Smith and so was in the privileged position of watching her toes disappear into the distance. The difference on this occasion was 2.51sec, 2:16.30 against 2:18.81.

James Hickman also had the misfortune to be in the presence of greatness yesterday. The Stockport swimmer, who broke the British record for the 200m butterfly on Monday, set a personal best for the men's 100m butterfly with 53.73sec. In a heat in which Australia's Scott Miller broke the Olympic record with 52.9, he was fifth and missed the final by five places.

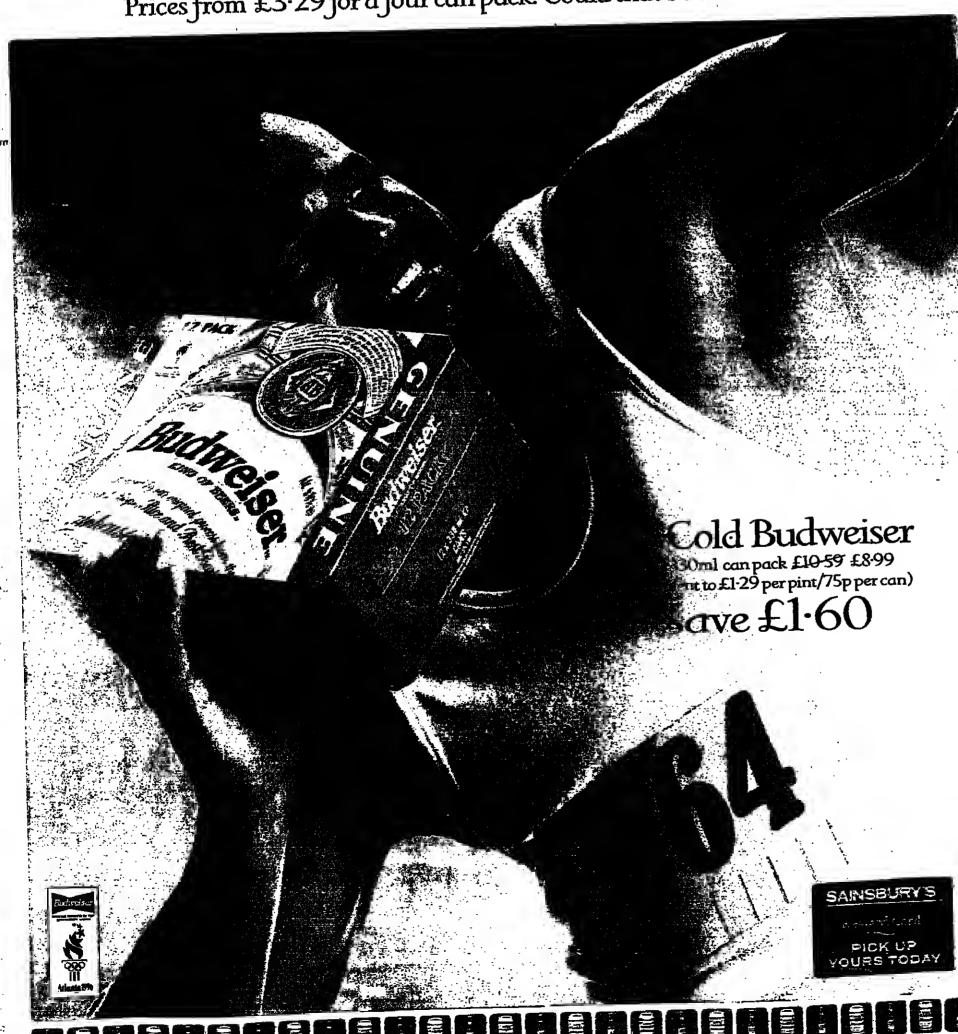
This meant that Nick Gilling ham was the only British qual-ifier for last night's finals, in the 200m hreaststroke. The 29year-old winner of a silver and bronze medals in the last two



Zsolt Varga, of Hungary, is grabbed by Yugo

From Sainsbury's. An ofter of Olympic proportions.

Sainsbury's now has chiller cabinets to serve you ice cold Budweiser during the Olympics. Prices from £3.29 for a four can pack. Could that be a new record?



men's 400 metres freestyle after swimming the last length of his heat alone, still managed to set a Jordanian national record in the process.

"I was so lonely at the end," was 4:41.12. The to he said. "I realised the last 30 heats was 3:49.35.

ready to go the distance There is no better chance for a British

gold in the pool that the Scotsman with a prodigious appetite for hard work. Guy Hodgson reports from Atlanta s if Olympic swimming something can go wrong and s if Olympic swimming had not heard the name "Smith" enough this week. Michelle Smith, who has moved to the Manchester area moved to the Manchester area and the stated in

'Unnatural'

drawn controversy and gold like a magnet, will continue to command attention; tomorrow night a namesake may deflect Graeme Smith (no relation) today begins his assault on the toughest race of them all, the

1500 metres, with a better than average chance of a medal in to-morrow night's final. He is the fastest in the world this year and. with Nick Gillingham, arrived in Atlanta as one of the two

hopes of taking gold.

It is a burden of anticipation for the quietly spoken Scot who now lives in Stockport. His event does not have the glamour of the shorter, faster distances, and he does not carry the natural, confidence-oozing demeanour of a champion. Not at the moment, anyway.

When Smith talks about his biggest rival, Australia's Kieren Perkins, he is almost in awe. "He's a different class." he said. "Even the time I did in the trial, 15min 03.43sec, was 20sec slower than his best. Anyone can have an off-day, but you'd expect him to get a gold

Off-days have been coming too often recently for Perkins – Barcelona gold medallist in the 1500m and silver in the 400m – who failed to make it through the Australian trials in the 400m. tr is this apparent weakness in the world record holder that reinforces Smith's hopes. A medal is dangling in front of him as a reward for 12 months of concen-trated training that has included missing out a year of study at Manchester University. Smith, 20, gets up at 5,30am to slog through a daily regime

that would make a marine blanch. Weight training is the easy hit because he also pounds up and down the pool to the tune of 80,000 metres a week. A massive food intake is required to fuel the effort, and he eats around three times what the normal person tucks away. As a consequence, his lean frame has put on a stone in muscle over the last year.

"Sure, it's a chore sometimes." he said, "but the Olympies only come round every four years and you get one or two chances at them in a lifetime. You have to give it your best shot.

"Sometimes I think it would be nice to do the 50m; certainly the workload is lighter. But it wouldn't appeal tu me know-ing one mistake and that's it vou are talking about hundredths of a second making all **⋘** Beach voileyball

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as a two-year-old. He is fêted in the land of his birth, but his accent is more Coronation Street than Take The High Road, and the only sign of his roots are his football allegiance. He supports Liverpool simply because Scotland's Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish were at Anfield in his formative years. "It seemed the natural thing & do."

Swimming did not come naturally to him, however. At first he took to water like a duck to ice but once he overcame his initial, clumsy reluctance, it was obvious he had talent. Initially he inclined, like all kids, towards the flashier events. He was quick and wanted to be a sprinter, but he was not jet-propelled enough. The move to swimming's equivalent of the marathon came as the realisation

dawned. "At 12, I qualified for 100m rather than the 400m in the national age groups," he said. "But when I was 15, my coach, Dave Calleja, told me to specialise in longer distances. He said one day it would come together, and it

Four years ago Smith was a silver medallist at the junior European championships and in 1994 he reached the final of the World Championships. Unlike Michelle Smith, he has not come from nowhere. His opponents know all about him and the steady progress he is making. It is how he will perform with Olympic attention focused on him that intrigues.

"Only six people have broken 15 minutes," Smith, tho is hanging against that barrier, said, "and only three of them are in Atlanta. There's a chance of a medal. Let's get to the final first." That should he an intriguing

contest because both he and Perkins prefer to begin quick-ly, burning rivals off with an initial. lung-busting burst of speed. In the first-two-past-the-post trials in Sheffield. Smith set off like il was a 200m race and had ensured his position on the plane to Atlanta at about a quarter into the distance. Smith remembers the race

well. "Paul Palmer, who also qualified, spoke to mc afterwards and said: I'm not going in one of your races again; you go out too fast. Perkins will be trying to do the same, so it should he interesting." It will. In a week when British

medal contenders have not exactly heen plentiful, he is the genuine article. Scotland's Smith is poised to join Irethe difference. In the 1500m. land's version on the podium.

Dallal's virtuoso performance Omar Dallal, the 15-year-old to 35 metres I was the only one

who finished 34th and last in the

left behind but I just remem-bered I came to do a job and I wanted to finish.

The other two in his heat had finished by the time Dallal started his final lap. His time was 4:41.12. The top time in the

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Gutsy Strug symbolises home win

Kerri Strug picked herself off the floor after a botched first vault, to steer the United States women's team to victory on Tuesday. Her second effort left her crumpled in pain, but hero to a na-

Strug was carried away from the Georgia Dome on a stretcher after sending 30,000 spectators into raptures with a vault that scored 9.712 and made certain of the team crown for the United States - the first US team to achieve Olympic gold - over Russia. Romania took broaze.

The roaring reached another high point when the US team made their way to the podium for the medal ceremony with Strug in the rear, carried in the arms of her personal coach, Bela Karolyi, whose wife, Martha, is the US head coach. Strug, 18, already wearing a cast, hopped around on one foot as she joined her team-mates before being taken to hospital. Xrays showed no fracture, with a sprained ankle diagnosed.

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a point, but they made it clear on the first rotation that their on uneven bars - one of their weaker events-the US charged past Russia (vault), scoring more than half a point better. By the time the US reached the vault in the final rotation, it appeared all but sewn up for them.

But Strug injured her ankle in her first try and scored only 9.162. Two Russians had yet to post scores in the floor exercise, leaving Karolyi unsure whether a better vault would be needed. Strug then confirmed the victory - achieved with 389,225 points to Russia's 388.404. The Romanian coach, Octavian Belu, whose team has won the last two world championships. said: "We met here maybe the The Americans entered the fi- best American team I ever



The injured Kerri Strug (right) joins her American gymnastics team-mates' golden celebrations Photograph: Allsport

RESULTS FROM ATLANTA YESTERDAY'S

Badminton

MEN: Singles first round: O Hall (GB) bt R Michels (Neth) 15-4 15-4; P Knowles (GB) bt K Han (US) 2-15 15-10 15-7; Hak Kyun Kim (S Kor) bt A Kaul (Can) wo; M Helber (Ger) bt M Korchouk (Bela) 15-12 15-1.

MOMEN: Singles first round: M Borg (Swe) bt N Nedjalkova (Bul) 11-6 11-4; S Jaroensiri (Thal) bt E Nielsen (Ice) 11-1 11-2; A Sondergaard (Den) bt O Koleva (Bul) wo; S Jaroensiri (Thal) bt E Nielsen (Ice) 11-1 11-2; O Julien (Cen) t D O'Connor (Tim) 11-3 11-0; Zan-nah Abdullah (Sing) bt E Nosdran (Ukr) 11-3 11-0; H Mizui (Japan) bt M-J Jean-Pierre (Mauritius) 11-2 11-1.

⋙ Beach volleyball

MEN: Preliminary round: F J Vietra Neto/R Da Costa Lopes (Bra) bt M Pakosta/M Palinek (Cz Rep) 15-S; J Bosma Minguez/S Jimenez Gaten (Sp) bt. J. Child/M. Heese (Can) 15-1; M. ox J Childrin Heese (Can) 15-1; M Oodd/M Whitmarsh (US) bt J Prosen/L Zahner (Aus) 15-10; E Regul/M De Melo Ferreira (Bra) bt J-P Jodard/C Penigaud (Fr) 15-1.

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MIEN: Lightweight (71kg) Third round: O Kingston (68) bt S Kolesnikov (Rus); A Golban (Mol) bt O Vlaskovac (Bost; 8 Hajtos (Hun) bt J Gonzalez (Guat). Fourth round: J Pedro (US) bt O F Rodriguez (PR); S Abarroz (Turki of J Pacce (Par); B Hajtos (Hun) bt 0 Bramilla (II; M Schmidt (Ger) bt K Wojdan (Pol); K Boldbaatar (Mong) bt S Alquati (Arg); S Pereira (Br) bt C Gagliano (Fr); S Corkin (NZ) bt Huang Chien-Lung (Tai); S Corkin (NZ) bt Huang Chien-Lung (Tai); A Golban (Mol) bt A Achirov (Naz); A Ghorni (Iran) bt H Nunez (CR); Kwek Dae-sung (S Kor) bt O Kouessi (Nory C); S Al-Sharrah (Kuw) bt J Vargas (E Sal). Fifth round: K Natamura (Japan) bt A Harkat (Alg); V Dgebuadze (Geor) bt G Bentes (Por); Kwak

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WOMEN: Lightweight (56kg) Fourth round: N Fairbrother (GB) bt R Chaeri (Tun): Fernandez (Sp) bt N Hill (Aus); M Pekli (Hun) bt J Rodriguez (Hond); N Mizoguchi (Japan) bt U Myren (Swa); Chueng Liu (Chin) bt Z Garipova (Rus); O Gorzalez (Cuba) bt M Saton (Fr). Fifth round: Sun-Yong Jung (S Kor) bt M Lornba (Bel); N Mizoguchi (Japan) bt M J Morneau (Can); M Pekli (Hun) bt O Zengrando (Br); Sun-Yong Jung (S Kor) bt M Lomba (Bel); Chuang Liu (Ch) bt C West (US); V Ogebusdze (Geor) bt G Bentes (Pol); N Fairbrother (GB) bt B Kucharaswska (Pol); O Gorzalez (Cuba)

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Softball

PRELIMINARY ROUND: United States

Swimming

MEN: 200m breaststroke (fastest eight to finel): Heat 1: 1 R Bonilla Abril (Guat) 2:21.86; 2 F Sunano (E) Sel) 2:25.57; 3 Huang Chih-Yung (Fa) 2:25.96. O Koh (Sing) did not swim. Heart 2: 1 V Kaimtkova (Lat) 2:17.07; 2 J Couto (Por) 2:17.28: 3 A Gukov (Bela) 2:17.49; 4 E Chia (Malay) 2:20.39; 5 C Verdino (Monaco) 2:20.77: 6 V Tatarov (Mol) 2:21.34: 7 T Kores (PT) 2:22.66; 8 N Belga (Litr) 2:23.40

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Heat 3: 1 N Rozsa (Hun) 2:14.66; 2
N GBingham (GB) 2:14.96; 3 R Mitchell
(Aus) 2:15.31; 4 A Hayashi (Japan)
2:15.37; 5 J Fernandez (Sp) 2:16.05;
8 M Gonzalez Montesinos (Cuba)
2:16.15; 7 I Malek (Cz Rep) 2:17.08;
8 Yiwu Wang (Chin) 2:19.13

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Tennis

MENt Singles first round: J Stohenberg (Aus) bt S Ladipo (Nigaria) 7-8 6-3; N Pereirs (Ven) bt H Gumy (Arg) 6-4 6-

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All that's gold may not glitter

There are rewards - and rewards - at the Atlanta Olympics if you manage to bring great glory to your country. Some of those who triumph can expect vast riches. Others will be lucky to get a pat on the back.

Here is a breakdown of how some of the competing nations intend to show their appreciation to their gold-medal winners. Bolivia: "We doo't have any money budgeted for prizes but

if something amazing happens and somebody wins we will see what we can do." Cyprus: "Clothing provided for one or two years.

Dominican Republic: "Scholarchins and housing because if you give them \$10,000 [£6.450) it would just be gone with the wind. Finland: "A set of knives."

Hooduras: "Some sort of a miracle would have to occur for us to win a medal. If we did, we would come up with something really big."

Iran: "All of our medallists

would receive a Government order of bravery from the President which involves special privileges as well." Liechtenstem: The chances

of it happening are minus-

Nicaragua: "We have had great problems just raising the £45,000 needed to physically get our athletes to Atlanta." Russia: "\$50,000" (£33,000). Singapore: "\$710,600" Singapore: (£500,000).

Syria: "Any Syrian sthlete who wins a medal achieves his dream to live in lunury and benefit from the welfare life. He also gets the honour to meet Mr President Hafez-al-Assad, president of the Syrian Arab Republic." Uruguay: "The only prize our athletes require is the ho-

nour of defending the country and the thanks that an athlete deserves for having triumphed."

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Water Polo Professionry round Group A: Yugoplave 9 Ger-meny 8; Netherlands 5 Russia 10; Hungary 2 Spain 7, Group 8: Italy 10 Greece 8; United States 10 Romania 5.

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YESTERDAY IN ATLANTA

Snooker cues up place at Games

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the man to play at the very high-head of the Olympic move est, level and the Olympics ment, yesterday said that provide the higgest sporting snooker could be part of the stage in the world. Games within eight years. To compete alongside the Samaranch, the linterna top athletes, tennis players and baskettall stars would be tional Olympic Committee president, said that a decision

board to grant recognition to the World Confederation of Billiard Sports meant that snooker could be part of the 2004 Games. "I would like to congratu-late the WCBS for all the ef-

of his organisation's executive

forts made in order to reach this goal and welcome you in the Olympic family." Sama-Snooker's world champi-

Dope warning for Cuban Drugs in sport

The first doping offence of the Atlanta Games was an points as Yngoslavia crushed an anneed yesterday when Estela Rodriguez, the Cuban Danniouc, who plays for silver medal winner in the Mam Hear in the NBA, women's heavypeight judo, had 13 points in the first half competition, was reprimend as Yngoslavia scored at will. Yngoslavia, who also start Vialle Divac, of the Charlotte An Games spokesman saul. This not considered a doping who formerly played for the case. The athlete should have a San Amonio Spurs, fielded told her team doctor she was their reserves for most of the

case. The athlete should have. San Antonio Spurs fielded told her team doctor she was their reserves for most of the taking that drug.

Although directics have an Divac, 7ft Im tall, finished performance cohairing prop. with five points and eight recties it is adely believed that, bounds, playing only 12 minthey have been in common use trees, all in the first half, by athletes to help first their Yugoslavia have now won all bodies of other banned drugs, three of their games in the Competitors in spurts with Olympic management, weight categories, are also. Hyun Joo-Yeop, scored 20

weight categories are also. Hyun Ioo-Yeop, sorred 20 known to use dimeters to ensure they make the weight are not only short on victories. In: 1988, British judo player—they have lost all three of Kernith Brown was stripped of their games—but also on his bronze medal after show—players just one man on their ing up positive for dimetic. "team roster is over 60 5 in tall.

Reneberg pulls out

Riches Respectors a late to nalist this year, won after plate the Pete Sampias in training 4-1 in the second set. Olympic simples, retired be Third-seciled Thomas Enchaise of a gettin injury in the quist of Sweden needed two third set of lux opening found hours to heaf Marc-Kevin match reserved against Le. Gitelliner of Germany 7.6, 4.6, ander Paes of India. They had 6.4. In women's play, secondsolit tiebreakers in the first two

Reneberg's injury left his Switzerland 6-1, 6-2 status in doubt for doubles, ... Monica Seles is having a which he is scheduled to play with Mali Vai Washington. Reneberg joined the singles draw as the No. 11 seed after

the top-ranked Sampras China, pulled not with a strained Andre Agassi also made a Arhilles teadon last week successful Olympic debut Russelbert, staging a second-set. Bjorkman 7-6, 7-6. Both Agascomeback to beat Jan Kroslak in and Seles are seeded No 1.

IVOSEV IS ON target for title opening game

Alexandra Ivosev won Yugo Despite a great start. Lisa Loslavia a first gold medal of the
mas chances of a medal almost
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runaway victory in the 21-16, 21-10 to the European
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first shot.

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record, and represented a Her only hope of rescuing comeback after the had trailed the situation is to win today Mauer by two points going into against the world and Olympic the final champion, Deng Yapping.

Lomas loses

seeded Conchita Martinez of

Spain beat Party Schnyder of

great time so far at her first

Olympics, and not just because of Tuesday's 6-0, 6-4 opening-round victory over Li Chen of

sia took the silver and had gone to one of her closest Poland's Renata Mauer, the friends with whom she often leader after the preliminary stays when playing in the round, the bronze.

Swedish league. "It started lyosev's acore of 686.1 OK but once she got going I points broke the Olympic couldn't stop her," Lomas said.

TODAY'S TIMETABLE 2230): Switzerland v Sweden (m), (European Championship) v Germany (m), (2400-0300): Bradi v Egypt (m), United States v Rusein (m).

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45-40, Byos to quarter has instance, Hungary, Italy, France, Hungary, WOMEN: Team épée qualifying round: Russia bt Japan 45-33; Cuba bt Switzedand 45-39; United States bt South Korea 45-44. Byos to quarter-

₩ Judo

Fourth round: J Pedro (US) bt O kingston (GB); G Bentes (Por) bt L Mularoni (San M); V Dgebuadze (Geor) bt H A Payne (Barb); A Shrurbabin (Utb) bt H Mousse (Tun); K Nakamure (Jepan) bt T Schleicher (Aut); A Harlat (Alg) bt F Rodriguez (PR); S Abanoz (Turk) bt J Denne (Parts & Helton (Mus) ht)

ucharzewska (Pol); O Gorzalez (Cuba) t J Gal (Neth); Huang Al-Chun (Tal) bt Cavalleri (Por); I Fernandez (Sp) bt Z **Rowing** MEN: Lightweight double sculls (win-

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Heat 4: 1 United States (1 AutivS Peterson) 6:20.93; 2 Great Britain (N Strange/A Simton) 6:22.27; 3 Cube (R Leon/A Arias) 6:23.52; 4 Jepan (K Obinata/H Nase) 6:24.68.

Coxiess Rightweight fours (winners to semi-finals, rest to repechage): Heat 1: 1 United States (D Collins)/ Pfaendmer/M Schneider/W Carlucci) 5:58.58; 2 Australia (H Karrasch/G Lynagh/D Beicher/S Burgess) 6:02.04; 3 Switzerland (N Kern/M Feus/M Binder/M Banninger) 6:04.38; 4 Jepan (K Nalamizo/Y Tanebe/M Meaguro/K Mimoto) 6:06.77; 5 Argentina (H Leguizamon/) Enriquez/F Quertr/G Scortiquin) 6:09.86.

Maxwell/A O'Connor) 6:00.99; 2 Great Britain (D Lemon/J McNiven/T Kay/B Helm) 6:02.65; 3 Austria (M Kobau/H Hofmany/C Schmoelzer/G Faederbauer) 6:02.78; 4 Spein (F Cilment/O Morales/JM Florido/A Giron) 6:03.33.

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Three-day event (beens standings after speed and evolutionals): 1 Australia 133,80 pcz; 2 15 244,60; 3 New Zestand 255,80; 4 Prance 288,40; 5 Insland 286,60; 8 Renn 298,40; 6 Newton 390,40; 6 Sweden 390,00; 9 tray 504,40; 10 Swinzarda 553,00; individual evinesiant (informational formational formation formation full formation full formation full formation full formation formation formation full formation formation full formation formation full formation formati

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Heat 2 1 Italy (L Bertin/M Orzan) 6:59.06; 2 Canada (C Miller/W Wiebe) 7:02.54; 3 France (M Larrolle/C Muller) 7:03.27; 4 Spain (E Marquez/N Cominguez) 7:12.96.

Soft Soberanes/A Bottz 7:18.31.
Quadruple sculls (winners to semi-finals, rest to repêchage): Heat 1:
1 Denmark (I Pors/U Hansen/S Lau-rtzen/O Pedersen) 6:15.45; 2 Nether-lands (I Elja/M van Driel/N Pennint/E van Nes) 6:15.92; 3 Australa (I Robinson/S Neumarch/M Hatzalos/B Roye) 6:16.85; 4 United States (A Thes/C Tucker/C Symon/J Chilick) 6:25.54.
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symony Chilick) 6:25.54.
Heat 2: 1 Ukraine (D Rozkina/ Frolows Masy/D Mitakhutdhovs) 6:19.11;
2 China (Mianying Cap/Xiuyun Zhang/Xirong Uu/Xiaoli Gu) 6:21.23; 3 Romania (A Tamasy Susanu/ Bulie/D Robu) 6:26.27; 4 Russis (M Begfdanow/ Fedotows/, Merk/O Dorodnove) did not finish.

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R Nachsyev (Lizb) 56.61; 3 A Jakovievs (Lizt) 56.62; 4 A Li (H/Q 56.92; 5 Ping Tijn Thum (Sing) 57.07; 8 J Isaza Chu (Pan) 57.62; 7 A Sengle (Hard) 58.23.

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Heat 3: 1 A Telteira (Br) 55.23; 2 G
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S6.11; 4 R Delgado (Ec) 56.29; \$ A
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(Moi) 56.46; 7 P Segel (Guern) 56.93.
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Heart 4: 1 F Sanchez (Ven) 53.90; 2 R Busquers (PR) 53.90; 3 D Buyukun-cu (fur) 54.89; 4 V Markovic (Yug) 54.90; 5 J Golovchenko (Uru) 55.26; 8 R Petcu (Rom) 55.50; 7 G Popotes (Gr) 56.16; 8 T Zintom (Eg) 56.48.

Heat 5: 1.A Gavrilov (Kaz) 54.56; 2 M Milosevic (Cros) 54.62; 3 V Hensid (Fin) 54.73; 4 J Gonzalez (Mex) 54.94; 5 O Kutter (Isr) 55.11; 8 O Loeder (NZ) 55.39; 7 P Menhoc (Sloven) 55.59; 8 A Onana (n) 56.04.

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Heat 3: 1 B Coade (Rom) 2:16.80; 2 S Parera (Sp) 2:17.67; 3 A Yejzar (Sloven) 2:18.39; 4 A Sarakatsani (Gr) 2:19.74; 5 J Russell (SA) 2:20.40; 6 M Nemec (Aut) 2:21.10; 7 P Minorapha (Thai) 2:22.34; 8 N Citton (Fr) 2:25.25 Heart 4: 1 M Limpert (Car) 2:15:12; 2 J Maiar (Car) 2:18:34; 3 M Morav-cos (Slovel) 2:18:50: 4 K Quance (US) 2:17:48; 5 8 Vestergaard (Den) 2:18:35; 6 G Rose (Br) 2:18:99; 7 A Wilson (NZ) 2:19.97; 8 O Lapunova (Ukr) 2:20.76

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A Wagner (US) 2:16.32; 3 M Smith (In)
2:16.35; 4 L Karlsson (Swe) 2:16.37;
5 S Herbst (Ger) 2:18.00; 6 S Roiph
(GB) 2:18.81; 7 O Shmehovs (Rus)
2:20.34; 8 F Nurotori (Japan) 2:20.58 Z:20.54; 8 F Nuronon (Aus) 2:15.81; 2 U Jin (Chin) 2:16.31; 3 Yanyan Wu (Chin) 2:16.55; 4 E Johnson (Aus) 2:17.02; 5 A Peczak (Pol) 2:17.48; 6 B Beoue (Bel) 2:18.28; 7 L Mentalova (Cz Rep) 2:18.43; 8 J Yeo (Sing) 2:21.76.

WOMEN: Singles round-robin stage: Yaping Deng (Chin) bt N Myakobye (Uga) 21-4 21-8; M Svensson (Swe) bt L Lo-mas (GB) 21-18 21-10; R Sato (Japan) bt Xiso Ming Wang-Orechou (Fr) 21-19

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8 Roberto Di Donne (II) Women's double tray Preliminary round (top six to fisse): 1 K Prode (US) 108.0pm; 2 R Mur-tonem (Fm) 107.0, 3 Y Km Lapsen 105.0; 4 T Desart (US) 105.0; 5 K Kermayer (Ger) 105.0; 6 D Huddlesson (Aug) 103.0. Final
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Palmer pays high price for **British silver**

GUY HODGSON

reports from Atlanta

As Paul Palmer received his silver for the 400 metres freestyle in the early hours of yesterday morning he personified many things. Exhilaration, achievement and even glory. The good and had of British sport, too.

For even as the City of Lin-coln swimmer was savouring his medal, as the Union Jack was being hauled to the roof alongside the New Zealand flag of the winner Danvon Loader, he was thinking about the silver in his pocket as well as it hanging from his neck. Or rather the lack of

Britain shared in Palmer's pride yesterday hut it had done only the bare essentials to make sure he stood on the podium in Atlanta. The 2t-year-old had scrimped and saved to be able to take to the pool alongside op-ponents from the United States who have been generously pro-vided for. Even his coach, lan Turner, had given up his joh for six months to get him there.

On the day the Prime Minister announced details of a national academy of sport financed by £100m of National Lottery money, the chances were that lack of funding would force Palmer away from the man who has coached him from the age of four, "I don't know if I'll still be with Paul in four years time," Turner said, "That depends. I have to sit down and think about what I do for the rest of my life now."

For Turner, a teacher, the doubt is purely because of finance. "I gave up my job for six months because I knew Paul

Hardcastle heads for swimming final Page 26 Eights at sixes and sevens in Page 25 rowing British equestrian team miss

out on medal

said. "The ASA have helped out by employing me on their Swim a medal, but the pressure of be-2000 programme but the rest has come out of savings."

To the tune of £15,000. "I don't consider I've made sacrifices," he continued. "I love the sport. I think it's worth it. What

price can you put on a silver?

The price Palmer put on it was his place in the sport. Funded by grants and his parents, he still lives at home and has to practise in a 25-metre pool, often in the company of school children who don't always respect his space. "I'm 21 and it's time I set up on my own," he said. "I'd always said that if I didn't come away with a medal then it was going to be pretty hard to get the cash to support myself. You can't combine the two at this level; it's either

sport or a proper job.
"It needs the backing of the government, the ASA and the general public as well. Britain gets interested in swimming once every four years and they can't understand why we don't produce the goods. It's not once every four years we think about it, it's every day. If we haven't got the backing that the other countries have we're not competing on a level playing field," The part Turner played in the success was exemplified by the

ing reminded that it would be Britain's first weighed down on him. "Do you want me to go?" Turner asked. "No stay." was the reply. "Please stay with

It proved wise. As Palmer was about to go the tactics were changed. "We were going to sit on Loader's shoulder and shoot it out over the final 100m,"
Turner said. "But as he left I said, 'It's got to be 1:52, 1:53 over the first 200. If they're not doing that you've got to set the pace'. He's tough. He handled it." Almost to a point where

Britain's first medal of the Cen-

tennial Games was a gold. "At

200 I was feeling so strong," Palmer said. "I hadn't gone for my legs at all. I had a quick look around and besides Danyon I couldn't really see anyone that close to me. I thought, 'Yeah, I can get a gold here'. But at the last turn I didn't get a good one and Danyon accelerated out of it. I was left for dead. I tried to get after him but it wasn't to be." He had been two places ahead of the New Zealander at 300 metres but Loader finished in a blistering 28.96 and 28.90sec over the final two lengths to burn him off and fin-



1.03sec behind. Not that the colour of the metal seemed to affect his reaction. "It's an incredible feeling that I can't see being topped in my life," he said. "I never want to forget this. If you won the lottery you couldn't feel better than I do. It's pride.

"I'm not really surprised. I've certainly trained hard for this. I knew I was good enough to win a medal and I'd have been disappointed if I'd come away without one. Having said that the feelings I'm experiencing now is such euphoria. I'll

He will of course. There is the I could move there and maybe a whole new world opening u matter of the 1500m heats to-day and the possible split with Turner to sober him up, although he has seen a possible way out. "There's an Olympic size pool being huilt in Bath." he said, "and ideally they would

a national squad be set up. That would be in a perfect world. I don't know if it'll happen."

In a less perfect world, can he continue to he a full-time swimmer? "I'm very naïve," he replied, "I've never had an

added: "I trained so hard for

competition and you lose."

after due time for reflection, Kingston would change his

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to me. I've always said that if w get an Olympic medal the ma ey starts coming in. I've got 12 so I'll tell you whether you make a living in a year's time As a potential gold medalliat Sydney 2000, it will be Britain.

Kingston is, however, not fit

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Kingston thrown by tough draw

fighter by winning the European taking the Russian hackwards lightweight title in May in The with a drop throw for waza-ari Hague, a success which raised great hopes of a medal in Atlanta. Yesterday, those hopes

proved overly optimistic.

Having trained for four years with the Olympics in mind, Kingston knew last week, at the draw, that he had an uphill battle with a series of tough opponents. And so it proved.

In the first round, Kingston faced Sergei Kolesnikov from Russia. It says much about the Briton's standing that Neil Adams, the team manager, expected him to win despite the strong tradition of Russian judo.

Danny Kingston established Kingston did not disappoint. He himself as an international went straight into the attack, (seven points). Shortly after-wards, he caught a leg in midair and wheeled Kolesnikov down for three points.

But it was the coup de grace that showed Kingston's ability. Kolesnikov attacked with a fast footsweep but found himself flattened - swept off his feet himself in a very fast counter. It was Kingston at his best.

However, not even Kingston at his best is yet ready to beat the top echelon. James Pedro, the American who heat Kingston for a bronze in the world championships last year, was his By Philip Nicksan

opponent in the next round and it was like an action replay. A superh shoulder throw earned the American an ippon (10 points) to end the match. When Pedro was eliminated in the next round. Kingston was given no chance to return in the repéchage.

This was a severe blow for the 23-year-old from Wokingham. That's it for me," he said. Kingston, who has competed at

judo since he was five years old.

of London's Budokwai club. Kingston is approaching the peak of his career, and there is no doubting his natural ability. He is certainly one of the most talented fighters in England. And, as the British men's squad

will see changes in the post-At-

lanta Olympic period, he should be playing a major role in the bid for international medals in the near future - not least with the world championships in Paris in October next year.

mind about quitting. A member on his exceptional ability to slip away from danger and dart into attack rather than stand square and meet it face on when the occasion demands. However, there is no doubt

that he put in the best performance of the British men's team in Atlanta so far. The European featherweight silver medallist Julian Davies, who fights today, and the bantamweight Nigel Donohue, who fights tomorrow, can take heart from the boldness Kingston showed.

Obree suffers double disaster in first round

Gracme Obrec, one of Britain's main hopes of an Olympic gold medal, suffered a shock exit in the first round of the individual pursuit at the Stone Mountain velodrome yesterday, and to add to his misery, he also lost his world record.

The 30-year-old Scot. who has been suffering from a virus, was almost overtaken during the four-kilometre test by the Australian Bradley McGee in the last of the nine heats as he trailed in with the Itth fastest time of 4min 34.297sec.

Earlier. Obree, the world champion, saw his world record of 4:20.894 – set three years ago in Norway – shattered by An-drea Collinelli. The Italian's time of 4:19,699 was almost five seconds inside the Olympic record of 4:24.496 registered by Britain's Chris Boardman four years ago at the Barcelona

formance, the Italian then re-



duced the world record for the second time, cutting it to

"Ohviously I'm very disap-pointed," the Scot said, "But my form this year just hasn't been up to it and that's what happened here. I made a reasonable start but then went over in seconds and that's where it all

started to go wrong.
"I had the chest infection in May and June and there were signs of it here when they did the blood tests, but it's a hit late in the day for that."

Ohree, who has had a sore throat and a respiratory intection in the build-up to his event. had heen hoping to emulate
Not satisfied with his perBoardman's 1992 Barcelona Games success in this discipline.

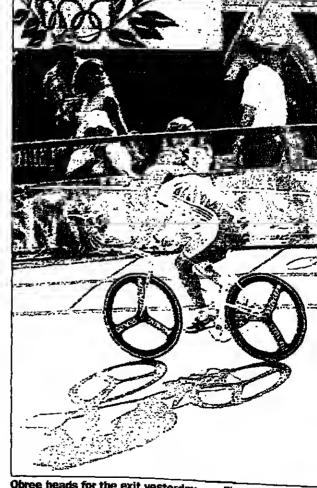
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It was clear from the start that he was struggling in the searing heat and stifling humidity as McGee opened up a lead of 1.663sec after the first lap. The Australian increased that to 2.262 by the second tap, 2,766 by the third and 3.369 hy the fourth. By the fifth lap, he had nearly reached Obree's slip-

McGcc was then content to coast through to the quarter-fi-nals with the fifth fastest time

freland's Phil Collins also howed out after managing only the 16th fistest time of 4:41.207 when he rode in the opening hear against the South African David George.

There was further disappointment for Britain in the Ikm time trial when Shaun Wallace finished 16th = 3,744 seconds helpind winner Florian Rousseau, of France, who lowered the Olympic record to



Obree heads for the exit yesterday

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